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Books to Check on:

- 1 - Americans of Gentle Birth - by Pittman
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Several volumes
- 2 - Va Magazine of History - Several Volumes
- 3 - Douglas Register - by Douglas
- 4 - Wm & Mary Quarterly Vol 15 p. 128
several vols. Gene. mag. Gene.
- 5 - History of Louisa Co, Va by Malcolm Harris
- 6 - of Seftred Race by Watson
- 7 - A Royal Lineage, Alfred the Great
1801-1901
- 8 - Tyler's Quarterly - History & Gene. mag
- 9 - Family Bible Records - Scott's Bible - Vol 1
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- 10 - The Huguenot - pub #6 + 8/1933
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

I have endeavored, as occasion and opportunity permitted, to ascertain names, and notes of interest, of my paternal forefathers, their descendants and kindred. This catalogue is the result of many years of intermittent research. There are omissions, of course, and probably errors, but I have compiled this information to the best of my knowledge, belief and understanding.

References of the sources of information contained herein, and footnotes of explanation, will be found at the bottom of the pages. At the end of each of the first four chapters there is a copy of the Will of each forefather which will substantiate that portion of the record. In the back of the book you will find "Exhibits," which may be of interest, and which will tie in with the reflected pages and/or references.

It may be well to mention here that, although I have always heard the Robards family was of French origin, I have not, as yet, traced it any farther than to JOHN RoBARDS, the colonist from Wales in 1710. However, it could be that he may have also taken refuge to England with other members of the family, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in France, as the name of ROBARD appears among the French Huguenots.

Please note that the spelling is now Robards instead of RoBards, as in the beginning. In most states the name is pronounced ro=bards, but in Granville County, North Carolina, it is pronounced robbards, and is often misspelled "Roberts."

As you will notice, there are only a few branches on which it has been possible to obtain current records, but it is hoped that this catalogue may be helpful to those of the family, wherever they may be, in bringing their own branches up to date.

The family certainly has my permission to make corrections and additions, which information I would, of course, like to have. Also, if anyone has information on the Robards family any farther back than John, the colonist, I would appreciate such information.

Bessie Robards Farrior

Explanation of Arrangement

On the first page of each chapter is a brief introduction of the forefather of that generation, and the Roman numerals at the left side of the pages represent the generation of each individual, beginning with JOHN RoBARDS, the Colonist, as Roman I; his son, WILLIAM RoBARDS, as Roman II, and so on through the generations. This scheme of numbering is set forth, in part, below:

- I. JOHN RoBARDS, colonist from Wales
- II. his children
- III. their children and descendants
- IV. their children and descendants
- V. etc.
- II. WILLIAM RoBARDS of Goochland Co., Va. (son of John)
- III. his children
- IV. their children and descendants
- V. their children and descendants
- VI. etc.
- III. JAMES ROBARDS m. Mary Massie; progenitor of the Robards family in N. C. etc. (son of William)
- IV. his children
- V. their children and descendants
- VI. their children and descendants
- VII. their children and descendants
- VIII. etc.

Note:

My own branch of the Robards family, as well as my two brothers', descends from the colonist to the present generation. This research has been done primarily for the four sons of my brother Henry, who bear the grand old name of ROBARDS, viz., HENRY, Jr., WILLIAM, JAMES and JOHN. I think the following discovery I have made should be of interest to these four brothers:--Coincidentally, their four names are the only surnames of their paternal grandfathers (eight generations), from John, the colonist, to John, the youngest of these brothers.

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I. JOHN RoBARDS, Colonist from Wales 1710.

Testator: December 5, 1755, Goochland County,
Virginia

His wife: Sarah Hill of the Hill-Imboden
family.

Children: One son--William RoBards.

A HISTORY OF THE RoBARDS FAMILY

The RoBards family is of Welsh extraction, the first on record being John RoBards who possessed a large estate in "Tide Water," Virginia. His wife was Sarah Hill of the Hill-Imboden family. 1/ The RoBards came of a richly endowed with both mental and physical gifts. They were tall, graceful in bearing, courtly in demeanor, and while largely engaged in planting, were also devoted to intellectual pursuits. 2/

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JOHN RoBARDS

I. John RoBards, colonist from Wales 1710; settled in Goochland County, Virginia; planter; testator 1755. Sarah RoBards, nee Hill, his widow, survived. They had one child, viz., William RoBards. 3/

Note: All of the references given in this catalogue may be found in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

1/ Page 230 of "Americans of Gentle Birth and Their Ancestors," Vol. 1, by Pittman, a copy of which the writer was fortunate in securing through a second-hand book store in Washington.

2/ Page 238 of "Of Sceptred Race," Chapter 25, by Watson.

3/ 7V-312 (Vol. 7, Page 312 of "Virginia Magazine of History.")
Other such references will be so abbreviated.

8V-418 contains the Will of John RoBards, dated Dec. 5, 1754.

Also see data from the "Douglas Register" of Goochland County, Va.

Note: The writer has in her possession certain publications of the "Virginia Magazine of History" which were secured by writing various bookstores throughout the country.

WILL OF JOHN RoBARDS 1/

December 5, 1754

In the name of God, Amen, I John RoBards of Goochland County, etc., dispose of my Estate as Followeth:

Item. I lend to my Beloved wife, Sarah RoBards 2 negros, Berry and Peter, and part of my Land and Likewise part of ye House and furniture as Long as she Continues a widow, and then to follow to my son William RoBards.

Item. I give my son William RoBards, Two neigros, Bristor and Bess, and the Land he now live on, with all the Cattle, Horses, Mares, Sheep, hoggs and all that belongs to ye Plantation, onley desire his mother may have a Liveing out of itt as long as Shee Live.

Item. I give to my grandson John RoBards, one negro Boy named Sam, and one Hors, Bridle and Saddle, and one Lot of Land In a certain Town Vallee, Westham: If he should die without Eair Lawfoll begotting, then To go to his Brother, William RoBards.

Also I doe ordain and appint my Loveing-wife and Son my Sole Eccutors of this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this fift day of December, in ye year of our Lord God 1754.

JOHN RoBARDS

Test: Walter Leak, George Payne, Junr. Geo. Payne.

At a Court held for Goochland County, May the 20, 1755, Geo. Payne, Gent, and Geo. Payne, Junur, proved this writing to be the Last Will and Testament of John RoBards deceased which was ordered to be recorded.

Teste: Val Wood,
C. Cct.

1/ Copied from "Virginia Magazine of History," Vol. 8 (1900-1901), page 418 et seq.

II. WILLIAM RoBARDS, Militia Lieutenant 1764; Minister
of Safety for Goochland County,
Virginia.

Testator: November 16, 1783, Goochland County,
Virginia

First wife: Name unknown.

Children: Four, including James Robards

Second wife: Elizabeth Lewis

Children: Seven

II.

WILLIAM RoBARDS

II. William RoBards, Sr., twice married; wealthy planter of Goochland County, Virginia; a Militia Lieutenant in 1764; member of Committee of Safety for Goochland County; 1/ testator 1783; died December 1783. 2/

William RoBards' first wife (name unknown) died September 1756. 3/
By this union were four children, viz.,

John RoBards
William RoBards
Jean RoBards (daughter)
JAMES RoBARDS

(The Will of John RoBards, the immigrant, dated 1755, mentions his grandsons, John and William above.) 4/

III. John RoBards married Sarah Marshall July 9, 1772; both in Goochland County. 5/ He was one of the five sons of William RoBards, Sr., mentioned in the Military data of Records of the War Department at Washington. He was in General Nelson's Command in the Revolutionary War. 6/

IV. Their twins: William and Marshall RoBards born Jan. 24, 1774; a son, John, born July 21, 1782. See Note.*

III. Ensign William RoBards, Jr., severely wounded at Camden; in Captain Curd's Company, Col. Lucas' Regiment. 6/ He married first, Elizabeth Pleasants Cook, Jan. 1774; second, Elizabeth Lewis, Sept. 17, 1781, both in Goochland. 7/ After the Revolutionary War they settled in Jessamine County, Kentucky; died testate Nov. 1823. As an historic paper, a certified copy of his marriage bond is given in Virginia Magazine of History to acquaint the present generation with the Statute law of Virginia on marriages in those days. 8/ (See "Miscellaneous Data" in the back of this catalogue for a copy of this bond.) (Exhibit A)

1/ 7V-312-13; 8V-418 et seq.

2/ 9V-195 et seq.

3/ 8V-419 - Note: This may be the "Susannah RoBards" mentioned as a witness to a Marriage Bond of Benjamin Mitchell to Ann Massie, dated March 27, 1856. (See 7W(1)98--Vol. 7, Page 98, Wm. & Mary Quarterly.)

4/ 8V-418

5/ "Douglas Register," p. 42; 15W(1)30; 8V-419

6/ 7V-312-13

7/ "Douglas Register," p. 42; 8V-419; 9V-195 et seq.

8/ 10V-205

*Note: See "Who's Who in Kentucky." Sidney Marshall Robards, c/o The Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky. Home address: 416 Magnolia Avenue, Louisville, Ky., born 1906, is probably a descendent. The Congressional Library reference is F450 W-50, Copy 3.

William RoBards (continued)

By this union were the following three daughters and two sons:

		<u>Daughters</u>	
IV.	Nancy RoBards	m.	William Caldwell
IV.	Rebecca RoBards	m.	Louis T. Singleton
IV.	Kitty RoBards	m.	James Harvey
		<u>Sons</u>	
IV.	William RoBards, father of:		
V.	William A. RoBards, Attorney General of Missouri.		
IV.	Otho RoBards, married Cassa Gregg, nee Pitts.		
	Their children:		
V.	Dr. William A. RoBards, m. Augusta Burton, Danville, Ky. <u>1/</u>		
V.	Younger P. RoBards died 1901, St. Louis, Mo.		
V.	James H. RoBards, m. Mary Brooks. <u>2/</u>		
V.	Kitty RoBards,	m. _____	Caldwell
III.	Jean RoBards, married Samuel Mosby 1773. <u>3/</u>		
III.	JAMES RoBARDS, married MARY MASSIE, both of Goochland County Virginia, on December 2, 1774. <u>4/</u>		

JAMES ROBARDS and his wife moved to Granville County, North Carolina soon after the Revolutionary War. He was the progenitor of the Robards family in North Carolina. This branch of the Robards family is to be continued later in this catalogue, under the North Carolina Branch of the Robards Family in Chapter III.

1/ See History of Kentucky - Biographical - Volume III, page 85:

"Dr. John Burton RoBards, son of Dr. William A. RoBards and Augusta Burton RoBards, born Nov. 13, 1869; native of Boyle County, Kentucky; Major in World War I. Discharged December 1919."

2/ Virginia Magazine of History, Vol. 10

3/ 8V-419

4/ "Douglas Register"(1708-1778) p. 15, in "Marriages of Record"

9V-195 - Will of William RoBards, father of James Robards

23V-81 - Will of Nathaniel Massie, father of Mary Massie Robards

William RoBards (continued)

II. William RoBards married January 5, 1758, his second wife, Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Joseph Lewis, Sr., testator.

Parents of Joseph Lewis, Sr. were William Lewis, Sr., testator 1708, and Elizabeth Woodson.

Father of William Lewis, Sr. was John Lewis, colonist from Wales, testator 1687 in Henrico County, Virginia.

Parents of Elizabeth Woodson were Robert Woodson (son of Dr. John Woodson) and Elizabeth Ferris (daughter of Richard Ferris of "Curles" in Henrico County, Virginia.

The seven children of William and Elizabeth RoBards were christened in the Church of England 1/ as follows:

Lewis RoBards	(born Dec. 1758)
George RoBards	(born Aug. 1760)
Jesse RoBards	(born Apr. 1762)
Sallie RoBards	(born 1765)
Joseph RoBards	(born 1766)
Elizabeth RoBards	(born 1771)
Robert RoBards	(born 1773)

III. Lewis RoBards, born December 1758, married first, Rachel Donelson, daughter of Col. John Donelson, whom he divorced because of her friendship with President Andrew Jackson. She later married Jackson. 2/

Captain Lewis RoBards was in General Nelson's command in the Revolutionary War. 3/

In December 1793, Lewis RoBards married, secondly, Hanna Winn, daughter of James Winn. 1/ He died in Bullit County, Kentucky on April 14, 1814. His widow and their following children survived him:

IV.	Mortimer D. RoBards
IV.	George L. RoBards
IV.	James W. RoBards
IV.	Alfred J. RoBards
IV.	Benjamin F. RoBards

1/ 8V-419

2/ "World's Almanac"

7W(1)101 (Vol. 7, p.101 of "William and Mary Quarterly.")
Other such references will hereinafter be so abbreviated.

3/ 7V-312-13

William RoBards (continued)

III. George RoBards born August 1760, married Elizabeth Barbara Sampson, daughter of Charles Sampson and Ann Porter who were married in 1767 in Manikin town, Virginia.

Parents of Charles Sampson were Stephen Sampson and Mary Woodson.

Parents of Ann Porter were Captain Porter and Elizabeth DeTois.

Parents of Elizabeth TuTois were Peter DuTois and Barbara

DeBonnette. (Huguenots.) 1/

George RoBards enlisted in his sixteenth year in the 14th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. He was, in his nineteenth year, commissioned, by Gov. Thomas Jefferson, lieutenant in the 4th Virginia Regiment, State Line. In the Battle of Camden, his brother William, by his side, was severely wounded. He was commissioned Captain in 1781, and served until the close of the War. 2/

Captain George RoBards and wife had 14 children. He died testate on his farm in Mercer County, Kentucky, July 13, 1833. His widow, Elizabeth Barbara Sampson RoBards died testate 1836, three years later, in Palmyra, Missouri. Some of their children are as follows: 3/

IV. Andrew Lewis RoBards, born Oct. 4, 1787

IV. Nancy Porter RoBards, born 1790, married John B. Thompson of Harrodsburg, Ky. She died at 80. They had nine children, among them being:

V. Marie Thompson, m. William Daviess. Their daughter:

VI. Mrs. H. C. Pittman of St. Louis, Missouri

V. Charles Thompson, born 1818. His son:

VI. Hon. John Thompson, lawyer in Cheyenne, Wyoming

V. Philip B. Thompson, born 1820; Colonel in the Confederate Army and lawyer in Harrodsburg, Ky. His sons:

VI. Philip B. Thompson, Jr., M.C.

VI. John B. Thompson, lawyer. (Both served in Confederate Army.)

V. Susan Burton Thompson, born 1828, m. Henry Massie. Their son:

VI. David Meade Massie, lawyer in Columbus, Ohio 3/

IV. Sallie Hill RoBards, born Feb. 8, 1795, married George Bowman. 4/

1/ 8V-418 et seq.

2/ 7V-312-13. (A copy of his "military history" will be found in the back of this catalogue under "Miscellaneous Data", marked Exhibit B.)

3/ 10V-98 et seq.

4/ 11 V-96

William RoBards (continued)

- IV. Captain Archibald Sampson RoBards, b. Dec. 25, 1797; m. Amanda Carpenter. They moved to Hannibal, Mo. 1843. He was twice Mayor of that county; took, at his own expense, a company of men to California in 1849. Gave freedom to his slaves in 1850. His four sons and one daughter:
- V. 1. George RoBards b. 1833; a "brave Captain in the Confederate Army throughout the War." He died in 1879.
- V. 2. John Lewis RoBards, lawyer of Hannibal, Mo. b. 1838 in Lincoln County, Ky. Married Sarah Grumpsie Helm, daughter of Judge Helm. Their children:
- VI. *MARY LOGAN ROBARDS RICHARDSON (wife of Elisha A. Richardson of Louisville, Ky.) She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR #12293, Lineage Book 1893, Vol. 13, Page 113-131).
- VI. Archy Crump RoBards, Mayor of Hannibal, Missouri
- V. 3. Henry Clay RoBards, b. 1842, d. 1895; officer of Confed. Army.
- V. 4. Archy S. RoBards, b. 1848, d. 1879 in Columbia, Mo.
- V. 5. Mable Helm RoBards
- IV. Elizabeth Barbara RoBards b. Apr. 20, 1799; married James Mosby. Their three children:
- V. William Mosby
- V. John Mosby
- V. Elizabeth Mosby
- IV. Mary Kemp RoBards b. 1801 m. Peter Atwood
- IV. George Washington RoBards b. Oct. 6, 1802 m. Sarah Epps. Their son:
- V. Dr. George W. RoBards of Mississippi
- IV. Jane DuTois RoBards b. Dec. 29, 1805; m. William Buckner Their daughter:
- V. Mary Buckner m. _____ McElroy of Kentucky
- IV. Almira RoBards b. Dec. 9, 1811; m. William P. Owsley Their daughters:
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|---------------|----|--------------------------------|
| Betty Owsley | m. | John C. Hutch, Chicago, Ill. |
| Nannie Owsley | m. | William Johnson, Dallas, Texas |
- IV. *CATHERINE ROBARDS STIRMAN (wife of James H. Stirman of Fayetteville, Ark.) She was the youngest daughter of "a gallant officer of the Revolutionary War. She was a member of the National Society, DAR, and by reason of her lineage received from that patriotic Order a gold souvenir spoon." She died in December 1901, at the age of 86. 1/

William RoBards (continued)

III. Jesse RoBards, born April 7, 1762, married Frances Pilcher July 17, 1788; 1/ lived in Gerrard County, Kentucky. He served in the Revolutionary War in General Nelson's Command. 2/

III. Sally RoBards, born 1765, married Captain John Jouett, a famous Revolutionary officer, born Dec. 5, 1754. Read "Jouett's Ride" 3/ in which he was a hero in baffling the scheme of Lord Cornwallis and his noted Cavalry leader, Colonel Tarlton, in June 1781, during the heat of the Revolution, and saving the General Assembly, then in session at Charlottesville, Virginia. He was presented an elegant sword and pair of pistols by resolution adopted Dec. 12, 1786, by the House and Senate of Virginia, in appreciation of his daring and important services. In 1783, he removed to Kentucky and was elected Representative of the Virginia Assembly and served in Legislature for five terms in the Virginia and Kentucky Assemblies. While in the Virginia Assembly, he assisted in securing the divorce of his brother-in-law, Lewis Robards, and wife, Rachel Donelson, later Mrs. Andrew Jackson. Captain John Jouett died in 1826. 3/ Their children:

IV. Matthew Jouett, a distinguished artist

IV. Jefferson Jouett

IV. John Jouett

IV. Lynch Jouett

IV. Elizabeth Lewis Jouett m. William D. Hayden. Their son:

V. John J. Hayden of Texarkana, Arkansas

Other grandchildren of Sallie RoBards and Capt. John Jouett:

V. James E. Jouett, Rear Admiral U.S. Navy

V. Geo. Payne Jouett, Col. in U.S. Army. Killed in Civil War.

V. Alexander S. Jouett, officer in Clay's Ky. Reg., Mexican War.

V. Sallie RoBards Jouett m. Hon. Richard H. Menefel, M.C., Ky.

V. William RoBards Jouett, commissioned Colonel of U. S. Army by President Monroe. 4/

III. Joseph RoBards, born 1766, married a Miss Harris; lived in Breckenridge County, Kentucky.

III. Elizabeth Lewis RoBards, born 1771; married William Buckner of Kentucky, Surveyor General of Kentucky; died 1843. He was the son of Col. William Buckner of Goochland County, Virginia, and Elizabeth Monroe, daughter of Captain Spence Monroe, and sister of President Monroe. To this union were born two sons and seven daughters. Their daughter:

IV. Elizabeth Lewis Buckner m. Judge Richard A. Buckner, Jr. of Greenburg, Kentucky. Among their eight children were:

V. William Buckner m. Jane DuTois RoBards

V. Elizabeth RoBards Buckner, b. 1821; d. 1898, married Dr. John Allen of Memphis, Tennessee

V. Dr. George RoBards Buckner, b. 1823, married Harriott Creel; died at McDermot, Ark. 4/

1/ "Douglas Register," p. 259 - Marriage Bonds

2/ 7V-212-13

3/ 10 V-98 et seq. and pp. 205, 307, 308; "A History of Louisa County of Va." by Malcolm Harris, pp. 56 - 58.

4/ "Americans of Gentle Birth," p. 93; XI V-96 et seq.

William RoBards (continued)

III. Robert RoBards, born December 1773; died unmarried. 1/

As contemplated in the Will of WILLIAM RoBARDS, Sr., who died in 1783, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis RoBards, his widow, moved with her family, slaves, etc., to their farm midway between Harrodsburg and Danville, Kentucky. The Mississippi River was the western boundary of Virginia until 1792, when Kentucky was admitted as a state. 2/

A writer in Leslie's Popular Monthly for July 1898, p. 25, says: "Widow RoBards built a large handsome house; was uniformly kind, considerate, and a generous, warm-hearted woman; proud, high-spirited, and was considered the most influential personage in the Blue Grass Region; that her daughters, viz., Sally RoBards Jouett, wife of John Jouett, Member of Virginia Legislature for several years, and Elizabeth Lewis RoBards, wife of General William Buckner, were noted for their beauty and grace." 2/

Page 105, "Americans of Gentle Birth," Vol. I, reads as follows: "After the War, the five RoBards sons moved to Kentucky where, with their land script, they had taken up a large body of land in Mercer County and built themselves a comfortable log cabin home which was later superseded by a large stone house, one of the first built in Kentucky. The 'Widow RoBards', as she was called, then sold her large landed estate in Virginia and moved with her daughters and household goods and slaves to Kentucky where she joined her sons in their new home in Mercer County." 3/

Note: According to records (pp. 5 and 6 of this catalogue), it seems to the writer that the three oldest sons of WILLIAM RoBARDS, Sr. (who died in 1783) and his first wife (name unknown), after the Revolutionary War, settled as follows:

III. John RoBards, who m. Sarah Marshall 1772, supposedly remained in Goochland County, Virginia.

III. William RoBards, Jr. m. his second wife, Elizabeth Lewis, in 1781. They settled in Jessamine County, Ky. He died testate Nov. 1823.

III. James RoBards, who m. Mary Massie Dec. 2, 1774, settled in Granville County, N.C. near Williamsboro. He died testate; Will dated October 10, 1803, a copy of which will be found in this catalogue.

1/ 8V-418 et seq.

2/ 10 V-98 et seq.

3/ "Americans of Gentle Birth," Vol. 1, page 105, et seq.

DATA AND CONCLUSION

Copied from "Virginia Magazine of History," Vol. 7, pp. 312-313:

"RoBards family -

"The incomplete list of names of soldiers in the Revolutionary War from Virginia furnished in the July number, Page 24, of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography leads me to supply you with the following names of five brothers who were soldiers in the Revolutionary War from Goochland County, Virginia.

- I. "John RoBards, colonist from Wales 1710; planter, testator 1755.
- II. "His son, William RoBards, Sr., planter; member of Committee of Safety 1775; testator 1783; his five sons, viz.,
- III. " Ensign William RoBards, Jr., severely wounded at Camden; in Capt. Curd's Company, Col. Lucas' Regiment.
- III. "John RoBards in General Nelson's Command.
- III. "Captain Lewis RoBards, in General Nelson's Command.
- III. "Captain George RoBards, in Captain Edmund Curd's Company.
- III. "Jesse RoBards in General Nelson's Command.

III also James Robards m. Mary Massie
 "The foregoing is authentic. The Military data is from records in the War Department at Washington, D. C."

Copied from "A History of Louisa County, Va." (Malcolm K. Harris) Page 62:

"James Roberts (mispelled) was sworn in on September 8, 1779, Second Lieutenant under Captain Mosely." Also: "On March 30, 1784, James Robards made claim for wheat."

The writer of this booklet, wrote to the War Department for the military records of James Robards (her ancestor) and received a letter from the adjutant General's office dated 17 June, 1947, which reads, in part, as follows:

"Copies of Virginia records of the Court of Louisa County and Goochland County, Virginia show the following:

"On 8 September 1777 one, JAMES ROBARDS, was appointed 2nd Lieutenant; on 30 March 1784, he made claim for wheat.

"Copies of Virginia records of the Court of Goochland County, Show that one, Nathaniel Massie 1/ was replaced in office as Captain, and on 30 March 1784, he made claim for wheat.

1/ Nathaniel Massie is the father-in-law of James Robards.
 (See his Will, 23V-81, dated Dec. 16, 1801.)

William RoBards

DATA AND CONCLUSIONS

(continued)

"Also that William Robards 1/ made claim for wheat on 30 March, 1784.

"The collection of Revolutionary War records on file in this office is incomplete, and it is possible that additional information may be obtained from the Librarian, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia."

(EXHIBIT C)

CONCLUSION: James Robards, a son of William RoBards, Sr., is undoubtedly one of the SIX sons instead of FIVE sons of William RoBards, Sr. who served in the Revolutionary War.

(See the North Carolina Line of the Robards Family
Descendants of JAMES ROBARDS and MARY MASSIE)

(Page 17)

1/ This William RoBards is the brother of James RoBards.
See the Will of their father, William RoBards, Sr., dated Nov. 16, 1783.
(9V-81)
See the Will of their grandfather, John Robards (colonist from Wales)
dated Dec. 5, 1754. (8V-418)

WILL OF WILLIAM ROBARDS 1/

November 16, 1783

In the name of God, Amen, I, William RoBards of Goochland County, Virginia, do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following, viz.,

Imprimis. I desire that my Just Debts, Legacys, etc. be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item. I give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth RoBards, to be at her disposal a Negro girl called Judah and my sorrel mare bought of Mrs. Lucy Wood.

Item. I lend to my sd. wife Elizabeth as long as she remains my widow the eleven following negroes: vist. Bob, Hampton, Patt, Peter, Frank, Anthony, Jane, Sall, Sarah, Sam and Bristoe, and at her decease to be subject to the following divisions, vist. Bob, Hampton, Patt, Sall, Frank and Sam and their future Increase to be divided equally between Lewis, George, Jesse, Sally, Joe, Betty Lewis and Robert RoBards, to them and their heirs forever. Peter, Anthony, Jane, Sarah and Bristoe with their future Increase to be equally divided between the whole of my children and their heirs forever (saving that the Heirs of either of them which stand as one person and have one share only) but should either of my children by my present wife be so unfortunate as to lose the whole or any part of their Negroes which I shall hereafter give them, I then direct that such loss shall be made good in quantity out of the children that shall hereafter be born of wenchess lent my wife as above, but should there be no such negroes born, I desire their loss be made good out of the said lent negroes and then an equal division to take place in manner and form as above directed.

Item. I lend to my said wife, Elizabeth, all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs to be by her given out to her children now living, or their survivors, in equal proportion as may be most convenient and as their needs may require. I also lend her one young sorrel mare in order to raise colts for my younger children--furthermore I lend unto my sd. wife my Household and kitchen furniture together with the plantation "utensils" except such articles as I shall hereafter dispose of by Will, and at her decease I give the said articles to my son Robert. I also give my sd. wife one feather bed and furniture, to be her choice.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis RoBards two negroes, vist. Ned and Sukey to him and his heirs forever, but should the negro Ned be so injured by a sore at present on his hand, that he shall chuse another. I then give him the boy Anthony lent my wife and the sd. Ned to stand in the place of said Anthony and be subject to the same division that Anthony now is, in the clause above. I also give to my said son Lewis 30 pounds specie to be paid him in equal proportion by his brothers and sisters, unless it can be raised out of the Estate which I choose should be done by the sale of some part of my stock. I likewise give my sd. son Lewis one feather Bed and furniture.

Will of William RoBards (continued)

Item. I give and bequeath to my son George RoBards two negroes, vist. Georg and Aggy, to him and his heirs forever; I also give him one feather bed and furniture and one good saddle.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse RoBards two negroes vist. Bartlett and Lucy, to him and his heirs forever, with one feather bed and and furniture, one good horse and saddle and bridle to be furnished to my Executors if necessary.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally RoBards three negroes, vist., Milly, Molly and Billy, one feather bed and furniture, one saddle and bridle and colt that came to David Grantum's mare, to her and her heirs forever, if necessary.

Item. I give to my son Joseph RoBards two negroes, vist. Stephen and and Creasy, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, bridle and saddle to be purchased by my Executors, if necessary, which I give to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Lewis RoBards two negroes, viz. Dilsie and Cynthia, to her and her heirs forever. One feather bed and furniture, one horse, saddle and bridle to be purchased by my Executors, if necessary.

Item. I lend to my son John RoBards during his natural life one negro girl named Esther and at his decease I give the said negro and her Increase to be equally divided amongst the children he shall have by his present wife, and their heirs forever--which said negro I put in his possession some years ago.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James RoBards five Shillings sterling and no more, having heretofore given him his properties of my estate.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Robards, during her natural life 400 acres of land in the County of Lincoln which sd. land Capt. Robert Mosby bought for me of Mr. Hubard Taylor of the County of Caroline and for payment of which I have with sd. Mosby given bond for four negroes and I do hereafter direct my Executors to comply with the said purchase and take a deed in the name of my son Robert RoBards for said land, nevertheless, my said wife is to have, hold, occupy and possess the same undisturbed and without impeachment or waste so long as she shall live; only allowing to my sd. son Robert, the privileges of settling on part of said land, if necessity requires.

Item. I give and devise to my four sons Lewis, George, Jesse and Joseph my location of land in the part of Virginia called "Kentucky" containing 1800 acres and when surveyed to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality, to them and their heirs forever. And whereas I have a right to one moiety ($\frac{1}{2}$) of 1400 acres of land in the aforesaid part of County purchased by Capt. Robert Mosby, of Henry Garret, and Thomas

Will of William RoBards (continued)

Johnson of Louisa County. It is my desire whenever the said Land or money to the failure thereof be recovered, that the same be equally divided between my aforesaid sons, Lewis, George, Jesse and Joseph RoBards and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my sons John, William, Lewis, George, Jesse, and Joseph and Robert RoBards each an equal proportion taken in my name for the six thousand (6000) acres of Land to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my five sons, Lewis, George, Jesse, Joseph and Robert RoBards an officer's right bought of Lt. Joseph Payne for one thousand acres of land to be equally divided according to quantity and quality, to them and their Heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Mosby one Negro woman named Tab to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth RoBards, until they are free of their Indentures the services of Chesa and Patty Cousins, two Mulattoes.

Item. The crop of Tobacco, wheat, corn, etc. together with the fattening hogs, I leave for the use of my family.

Item. After my just debts are paid, the expense of removing my family to Kentucky, and the necessary comforts of life procured for them, I then desire that all the money on hand collected from Bills, Bonds, and Open Accounts, or by any other ways or means whatever, be equally divided among my Seven children by my present wife, and the three following children by my first wife, vist. John and William RoBards and Jean Mosby.

Item. All the Estate left me by the last Will and Testament of Joseph Lewis, Sen'r, Deceased, I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my seven children by my last wife, vist., Lewis, George, Jesse, Sally, Joe, Betty Lewis and Robert RoBards and their heirs forever.

Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth RoBards, Executrix, my sons William and George RoBards with my friend William Lewis, Executors of this, my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th Day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand and seven hundred and eighty three. (1783)

WILLIAM ROBARDS

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of us.

Geo. Payne, John Lewis,
Joseph Lewis, Jr.

Will of William RoBards (continued)

At a Court held for Goochland County, Dec'r 15, 1783.
This writing was proved to be the oaths of Geo. Payne,
John Lewis, and Joseph Lewis to be the last Will and
Testament of William Robards, deceased, and was ordered
to be recorded.

Teste: G. Payne, Cl. Ct.

1/ This Will was taken from Va. Magazine of History (1901-02)
(9V-195 et seq.) at Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
(Reference Book 7-221 - V91)

Note: JAMES ROBARDS, mentioned in the above Will, is to be continued
in the next chapter under "The North Carolina Branch of the
Robards Family.

III. JAMES ROBARDS, Second Lieutenant Revolutionary War.
Appointed Sept. 8, 1777. (See copies
of the Virginia records of the Court
of Louisa County and Goochland County,
Virginia.) (EXHIBIT C of this book.)

Progenitor of the Robards family in Granville County,
North Carolina.

Testator: October 10, 1803, Granville County,
North Carolina.

His wife: Mary Massie; married Dec. 2, 1774.
Both are buried near Williamsboro,
North Carolina.

Children: Five, including William Robards.

NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE ROBARDS FAMILY

III.

JAMES ROBARDS

III. James Robards married on December 2, 1774, Mary Massie, daughter of Col. Nathaniel Massie, both of Goochland County, Va. 1/ & 4/

Soon after the Revolutionary War, James Robards, the progenitor of the Robards family in North Carolina, and his wife, Mary, moved to Granville County, North Carolina. 2/ They lived near Williamsboro, N. C. and are buried there. In his Will dated October 10, 1803, he mentions his five following children: 3/

Nathaniel Robards
WILLIAM ROBARDS
Prudence W. Robards
Agnes W. Robards
Franky Anderson Robards

IV. Nathaniel Robards married in 1805 Mary Ridley, daughter of William Ridley and Elizabeth Lewis. He served as High Sheriff of Granville County for about 20 years. All of his numerous children were probably born in North Carolina, although he moved from Granville County to Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee, and died there in the year of 1854. Among his 11 children are the following:

V. William H. Robards, born Oct. 1, 1806, m. Annie Elizabeth Toole, a woman of wealth and conspicuous for her great beauty and social graces. Their daughter:

VI. Mary Elizabeth Robards m. Lucius H. Terry.
They resided in New Orleans. 4/

Note: It is said that Nathaniel Robards lost by fire a rare collection of books and curios, and "family records of great value inscribed upon vellum."

1/ "Douglas Register" (1708-1778), p. 15 in Marriages of Record.

9V-195 - Will of William Robards, father of James Robards.

23V-81 - Will of Nathaniel Massie, father of Mary Massie Robards.
(See EXHIBIT D.)

"A Royal Lineage, Alfred The Great" (1801-1901). (Library of Congress reference C71 - .W34 - 1901.)

2/ Va. Mag. of History, Vol. XI.

3/ Will of James Robards - in Granville County, N.C. Record of Will Book 6, page 96.

4/ "Of Sceptred Race" by Watson, Chapter 25, Page 238.

James Robards (continued)

- V. Willis L. Robards, son of Nathaniel, was a lawyer and lived in Austin, Texas.
- V. Charles Lewis Robards b. April 11, 1827, was one of the younger sons of Nathaniel Robards. Graduated from University of N. C. m. Julia Tabitha White of Shreveport, La. Served in the Confederate Army as aide-de-camp on the Staff of General Henry E. McCulloch. Died Nov. 22, 1807; buried in Shreveport, La. They had one child:
- VI. Martha White Robards m. August Mayer, civil engineer and planter of Shreveport, La. Her name appears at the head of Chapter 25 "Of Sceptred Race" as follows:
 "Alfred The Great
 Col. Geo. Reade
 Mattie Robards Mayer" 1/
 Among the children of Mattie Robards and August Mayer is a daughter:
- VII. Julia Robards Mayer m. John C. Cline of Shreveport, La. Since her husband's death, she has resided with her daughter at the following address - Box 125, Milledgeville, Georgia. (See EXHIBIT E.) Children of Julia Robards Mayer and John C. Cline:
- VIII. Catherine Treanor Cline m. _____ Garner of Milledgeville, Ga. They have 2 daughters:
- IX. _____
 IX. _____
- VIII. Captain John Robards Cline m. _____
- IX. Their son: John Robards Cline, Jr.
 IX. Daughter: _____
- IV. Prudence W. Robards, daughter of James, 2/ m. July 1809, James M. Burton, son of Robert Burton and wife, Agatha Williams (who were married Oct. 12, 1775). 3/
- IV. Agnes W. Robards, daughter of James. 2/ (no other information)
 IV. Franky Anderson Robards, daughter of James. 2/ (no other info.)
- IV. WILLIAM ROBARDS, mentioned with his brother, Nathaniel, as one of the Executors in his father's Will. 2/

(This branch is continued in the next chapter.)

1/ "Of Sceptred Race," by Watson, Chapter 25, Page 238.
2/ Will of James Robards - Granville County, N. C. Will Book #6, Pg. 96.
3/ 2T-276 (Tyler's Quarterly, History and Genealogical Magazine, p. 276.)

WILL OF JAMES ROBARDS

October 10, 1803

(From Granville County, N. C. Record Will Book No. 6, Page 96.)

In the name of God, Amen, I, James Robards of the County of Granville, State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

Imperimis:-- My Will and desire is that all my just debts be paid out of such of my personal property as my Executor hereafter named may deem best calculated to discharge them and can with the most advantage be spared out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel Robards two negro boys David and Squire, sorrel mare Isabell and saddle and bridle, a feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever -- also I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel one half of the net annual profit of my Mill and plantation after my death provided he suffers his boys David and Squire to remain together with the rest of the negroes hereafter directed to be kept on the plantation during the life of my wife.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Prudence W. Robards two negro girls, Agga and Betty, together with their increase, one horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars to be furnished by my Executors, one feather bed and furniture, a cow and calf, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Agnes W. Robards two negro girls, Morning and Patsy, together with their increase, a horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars to be furnished by my Executors, a feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Franky Anderson Robards two negro girls, Nanny and Sally, together with their increase, a horse, saddle and bridle of the value of one hundred dollars, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, to her and her assigns forever.

Item: I lend to my loving wife, Mary, the use of the land, mill and negroes (to wit) Patty and Little George, Dolly and old George, Luccey, Bobb, Lucy and Ball, children of Patty, together with all the household and kitchen furniture, plantation, utensils, stock of horses, hogs, cattle and sheep during her life. The following to my son Nathaniel, as hereinbefore expressed, one half of the Mill annual profits after supporting and maintaining my daughters Prudence, Agnes and Franky during their single life.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Robards, a negro boy Tim, a child of Dolly, and one fourth part of my land after the death of my wife, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Will of James Robards (continued)

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel the other three-fourths of my land after the death of my wife, also my desk, table, cupboard, chairs, a cow and calf and such kitchen furniture as may be left after the death of my wife, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

All the rest of my property after my wife's death and after paying off the debts, my Will and Desire is should be equally divided amongst my children. -- In case either of the Leguacies hereinbefore bequeathed should fall short by death or otherwise before they come to their possession, my Will and Desire is that my Executor make up the loss as nearly in value as possible. -- I hereby appoint my wife Mary, my sons William and Nathaniel guardians to my three daughters, Prudence, Agness and Franky. My Will and desire is that in case any dispute should arise as to the division of my property after my wife's death, that they should call on Doctor John Hare, and Leonard Henderson to make a division, and that the contending parties be satisfied with their decision.

I nominate and appoint my loving wife Mary, my sons Nathaniel and William, Executrix and Executors to this my last Will and Testament, vesting in them full and ample control over the whole of the Legacies hereinbefore given to exchange any part of them or sell or dispose of them to the best advantage of my children as they may deem best--at any time before they come to the possession of the owner, and that they keep the whole of my property together during the life of my wife, unless some of my children should marry or wish to take it in possession.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal declaring this to be my last Will and Testament -- revoking and disanulling all former Wills heretofore made.

This tenth day of October, A.D. 1803.

JAMES ROBARDS (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared to be his
last Will and Testament in presence of
William Freeman
John Tippit

e
As Exⁿ
State of North Carolina) May Court
Granville County) A.D. 1804

The foregoing last Will and Testament of James Robards, Esquire, deceased, was duly proven in open court by the oaths of William Freeman and John Tippit, subscribing witnesses unto which is ordered to be recorded -- At the same time came William Robards and Nathaniel Robards and qualified as Executors.

Test.

Steph. Sneed, Clk.

IV. WILLIAM ROBARDS, SR., State Representative of
Granville County 1806-1808.
State Treasurer of N. C.
in 1827.

Testator: June 16, 1842, Granville County,
N. C. Record of Wills Book
No. 15, page 276.

His wife: Ann Satterwhite; married 1802.
Both are buried at their old
homeplace "LaGrange", near
Williamsboro, N. C.

Children: Six, including William Henderson
Robards, Jr. (grandfather of the
writer) who lived at "Oakwood",
five miles south of Oxford, N.C.

IV.

WILLIAM ROBARDS, SR.

IV. William Robards, Sr., married in 1802 Ann Satterwhite of Granville Co., N. C., daughter of Captain Thomas Satterwhite. 1/ (Captain Satterwhite was always "proud" of the fact that he was a real captain in the Revolutionary War and not an honorary colonel.) William Robards' old homestead, "LaGrange," near Williamsboro, N.C., is still in good repair and is presently owned by a member of the Royster family, one of the Robards' descendants. William Robards and wife are buried at "LaGrange" in the old family burying ground.

The Robards family figured prominently in the early history of St. John's Church in Williamsboro which was built in 1757 by the Lewis family of Granville County. It is the only colonial church building standing today in the Diocese of North Carolina, and is important to North Carolina's architectural heritage.

William Robards, Sr. was State Representative of Granville County in the years 1806-1808. He was Treasurer of the State of North Carolina in 1827, while Hutchings C. Burton, also a native of Granville County, was Governor. The portrait of William Robards hangs in the "Hall of Fame" in Raleigh, N. C. His great-grandson, Frank Robards, Sr. of Henderson, N.C., has large oil portraits of both William Robards and his wife, Ann.

The writer of this book (great-grandaughter of William Robards, Sr.) found at the Library of Congress, Jefferson Room, in "Wheeler's Historical Sketches of North Carolina", Vol. 1-2, the following:

"Robards, William ii 163

"Col. William Robards was a resident of Granville County, a man distinguished for his integrity, business habits, and talents. He represented Granville in 1806 and 1808, and in 1827 was Treasurer of the State at a period of unexampled difficulty arising from the disorder occasioned by the defalcation of John Heyward.

"He conducted the financial affairs of the State with great ability and fidelity.

"He died on the 17th day of June, 1842." 2/

1/ Wheeler's N. C. History re: Thomas Satterwhite.

2/ Wheeler's Historical Sketches of North Carolina, Vol. 1-2.

In his Will 1/ dated June 16, 1842, William Robards mentions the following six children:

Mary A. Robards
 WILLIAM HENDERSON ROBARDS, JR.
 George W. Robards
 Horace L. Robards
 Dr. Henry Jones Robards
 Jane Robards

- V. Mary Ann Robards m. Thomas C. Miller of Goochland Co. Va. Their homeplace was in Granville County near Tar River station, and is now known as the "Charlie Bryan farm."
- V. WILLIAM HENDERSON ROBARDS, JR. b. 1810 married in 1835 Susan Watkins (b. 1814) daughter of Dr. Joseph Watkins of "Ben Lomand" in Virginia. 2/ He died in 1862.

(This branch is continued in the next chapter)

- V. George W. Robards m. Selma A. Lockett, daughter of Col. S. Lockett. 2/ They lived in Alabama. Their children were:
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| VI. | Frances A. Robards | (no information) |
| VI. | George Robards | (no information) |
| VI. | Frank W. Robards | (no information) |
| VI. | Susan W. Robards | (no information) |
| VI. | Thomas V. Robards | (no information) |
- VI. William Robards (whom the writer, as a child, remembers as "Cousin Buck" with the long white beard), m. Mary Jane Hargrove, daughter of Col. Hargrove. They lived in Granville County and are buried in Oxford, N. C. in the family plot of their daughter, Seatie (Mrs. J. E. Adkerson). Their children: 3/ (next page)

1/ Will of William Robards - Record of Wills Book of Granville County, North Carolina No. 15, page 276.

2/ "A Catalogue of the Descendants of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony, Virginia," by Francis W. Watkins of Prince Edward County, Va. (1888)

3/ Mrs. J. E. Adkerson, daughter of William Robards, and her niece, Irma Stokes Barton, furnished the writer this information just before the death of Mrs. Adkerson-October 14, 1948.

- VII. Emma Lockett Robards m. Robert L. Perkinson. They lived in Virginia. Their six children:
- VIII. Glenn Hargrove Perkinson m. Ollie Neff. They make their home in Richmond, Va. Thildren:
- IX. Thelma Perkinson
IX. Louise Perkinson
- VIII. Mary Vee Perkinson m. Vaughan Waldrop, 2107 Hanover Ave., Richmond, Virginia. Children:
- IX. Emma Bee Waldrop
IX. Jean Waldrop
- VIII. Annie Perkinson m. Jim Coleman, Ford, Virginia. One child:
- IX. Olivia Ann Coleman
- VIII. Fannie Perkinson m. Francis Thomas, 2408 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. One child:
- IX. Mary Ellis Thomas
- VIII. Lockett Perkinson m. Maudy Wicker, Glen Allen, Va. Children:
- IX. Dorris Perkinson
IX. Ann Perkinson
- VIII. Bessie Perkinson m. L. R. Bradshaw, Burkeville, Va. Children:
- IX. Betty Lee Bradshaw
IX. Margaret Bradshaw
- VII. Seatie Robards m. James E. Adkerson, Oxford, N. C. Both are buried in Oxford. No children. However, they raised Ruth Robards, their niece.
- VII. Mamie Robards m. M. L. Coley, Northside, N. C. Five children:
- VIII. Sidney Coley, Northside, N. C.
VIII. Gay Coley " "
VIII. Allyne Coley " "
- VIII. May Coley m. Phil Guerrant, Oxford, N. C. One child:
- IX. Mamie Lee Guerrant m. _____
- VIII. Ed Coley m. Laura Frazier, Oxford, N.C.
- VII. Sam Robards m. first, Ivey Brinkley. One child:
- VIII. Ruth Robards m. Lawrence Bailey III, 217 Arlington Avenue, Youngsville, Ohio.
IX. A son named for J. E. Adkerson, Ruth's guardian and uncle-in-law.
- Sam Robards married second, Della Cameron. Children:
- VIII. Clarence Robards
VIII. Thelma Robards
VIII. Elizabeth Robards

William Robards, Sr. (continued)

- VII. Fannie S. Robards m. Richard A. Stokes, Green Bay, Virginia. Five children:
- VIII. Samuel Stokes m. Daisy Barton, Green Bay, Va.
- VIII. Elizabeth Stokes m. Woodrow T. Cook, Appomatox, Va. Children:
- IX. Lois Cook
- IX. Ann Cook
- IX. Edward Cook
- IX. Wayne Cook
- VIII. Robert Stokes, Green Bay, Va.
- VIII. Irma Stokes m. Fred S. Barton. Two sons:
- IX. Clarence Barton
- IX. Harry Lee Barton
- VIII. Mamie Stokes m. John H. Layne, Green Bay, Va. Children:
- IX. Phyllis Layne
- IX. Elsie Layne
- IX. Mary Layne

V. Horace L. Robards, Oxford, N. C., attorney and sole Executor of his father's Will, 1/ m. Bettie Jean Watkins, 2/ sister of the wife of his brother William, Susan Anderson Watkins. 2/ After the Civil War and death of her husband, Mrs. Bettie Robards became the first matron of the Oxford Orphanage, under the direction of the founder, Dr. Mills. (EXHIBIT F.) They had one daughter:

VI. Anna Keeling Robards m. Roberts.

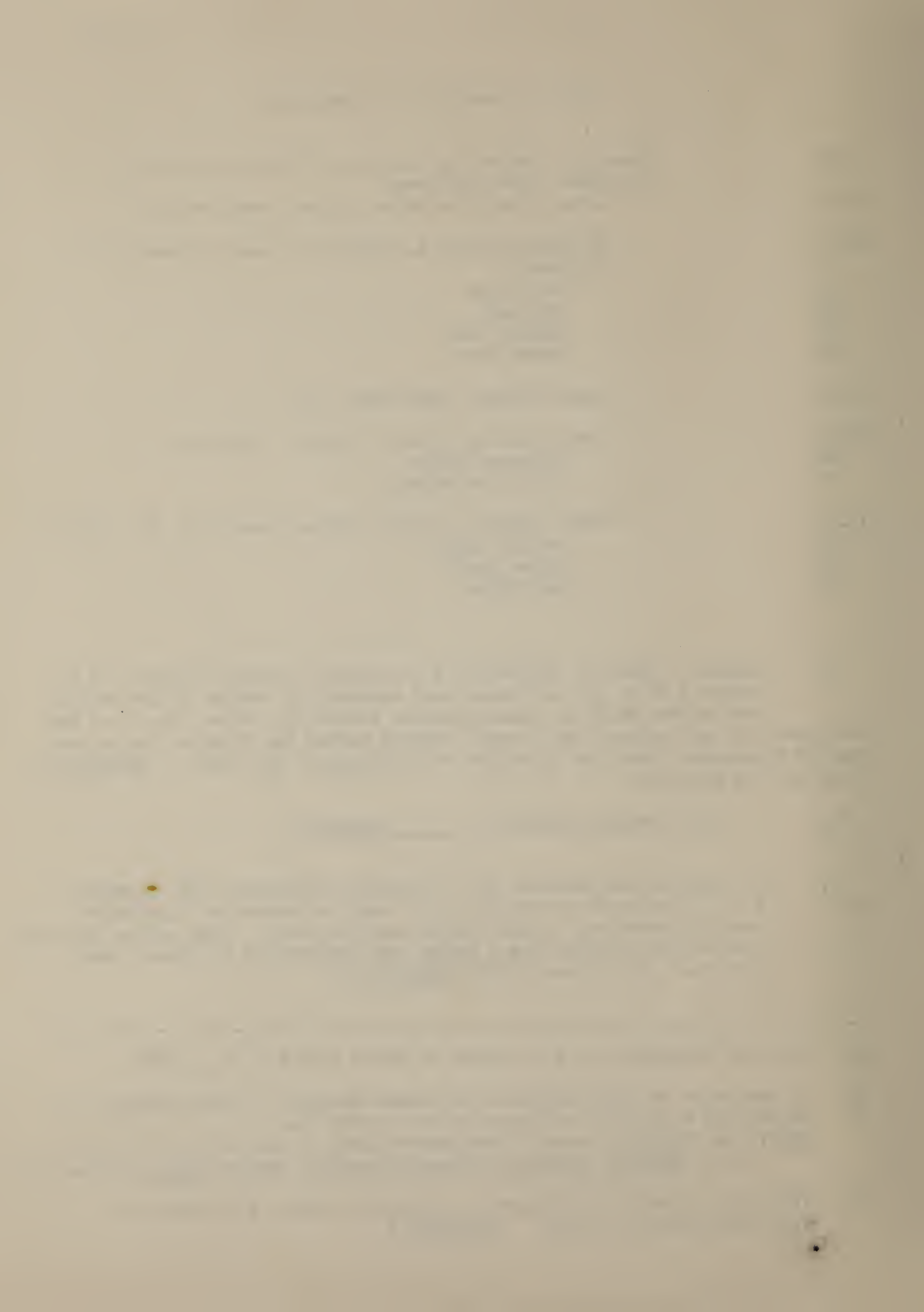
V. Dr. Henry Jones Robards, 3/ a practicing physician at Williamsboro, N. C., married Agnes Hatchett. 3/ Both are buried at "LaGrange", near Williamsboro, in the family burying-ground. They had no children. (The writer's father was a nephew and namesake of Dr. Henry Jones Robards.) (Dr. Robards' Will-EXHIBIT G.)

1/ Will, in Granville Co. N.C. Record of Wills Book No. 15, p. 276.

2/ "A Catalogue of the Descendants of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony, Va." by Francis W. Watkins of Prince Edward County, Va.

Note: See EXHIBIT H under Miscellaneous Data in the back of this book re: Watkins, Woodson, Micheaux, Rochette, Massie, Ferris (Farrar), etc.

3/ Will of Dr. Henry Jones Robards - Granville County, N.C. Record of Wills Book No. 23, p. 327. (EXHIBIT G)



The Royster Line

- V. Jane Robards m. 1840 Stephen S. Royster, son of David Royster of Goochland County and Elizabeth Sampson. David was the son of William Royster and wife Prudence Watkins of Goochland Co., N.C. (See WATKINS in Exhibit H-a.) Jane and Stephen Royster are buried at "LaGrange" near Williamsboro, in the family burying-ground. Their children:
- VI. Mary Royster m. Horace Royster
VI. William Royster, died unmarried
- VI. Nannie Royster, married Thomas Parham. Their son:
- VII. Will Parham m. Sadie Houghteling. Children:
- VIII. George Parham m. Mittie Lee Blackwell of Oxford, N.C.
VIII. Rosa Parham
VIII. Sadie B. Parham
VIII. Billy Parham
VIII. Ora Parham
VIII. Etta Blake Parham
VIII. Pete Parham
- VI. John Royster, died unmarried
- VI. Kate Royster m. Chester Bond
VI. Dick Royster, died unmarried
- VI. Dr. Thomas S. Royster m. Sallie Alston, Townsville, N.C. Children:
- VII. Sallie Royster m. William Dennis Vaughn. One son:
VIII. William Dennis Vaughn, Jr. m. Mary Southerland
- VII. Dr. Thomas Royster m. Helen K. Borda, Henderson, N.C. Chil:
VIII. Dr. Thomas S. Royster II, m. Caroline Henry Snowden
(He is the present owner of "LaGrange", the old William Robards homestead, near Williamsboro.) Their children:
- IX. Thomas S. Royster, III
IX. Elspeth Merck Royster
IX. John Snowden Royster
IX. Stephen Brooke Royster
- VIII. Helen Royster m. Richard Jones, Jr. of Henderson, N.C.
- VII. Dr. James Royster m. Louise Moss, Henderson, N.C.
- VII. Evelyn Royster m. William Tarry, Townsville, N.C. Chil:
VIII. Sallie Tarry
VIII. Dr. William Tarry, Jr., Oxford, N. C.
VIII. Dr. James Tarry, Oxford, N. C.

William Robards, Sr. (continued)

- VI. Ed Royster m. Corrine Cheek. They lived in Henderson, N.C.
Children:
- VII. Louise Royster m. V. H. Campbell. Daughter:
- VIII. Louise Campbell m. Frank Holt
- VII. Ed Royster, Jr. m. Eva Moore, Henderson, N.C. Daughter:
- VIII. Anne Royster
- VII. Agnes Royster
- VII. Janie Royster m. J.J.S. Calloway. Children:
- VIII. Marion Calloway m. _____ Mills
- VIII. Click Calloway
- VI. General Beverly Sampson Royster m. Mamie Hobgood, daughter of Dr. F. P. Hobgood, for many years head of Oxford College, Oxford, N. C. Gen. B. S. Royster was senior partner with his three sons in the law firm of Royster and Royster for years in Oxford, N.C. He was an eloquent orator and prominent in church, military, Masonic and state affairs. Children:
- VII. Mamie Royster m. Richard T. Howerton, Durham, N.C. Children:
- VIII. Dick Howerton, a Baptist minister, m. Sarah Jackson
- VIII. Thomas R. Howerton
- VIII. Beverly R. Howerton
- VIII. Dorothy L. Howerton
- VII. Beverly S. Royster, Jr. m. Elizabeth Page. Children:
- VIII. Beverly S. Royster, III, 1st Lt. Marine Corps, killed in action in Guam 1944.
- VIII. Lee Page Royster, 1st Lt. Air Corps
- VIII. Henry Royster
- VIII. Stephen S. Royster
- VII. Roy H. Royster m. Roberta Hicks. Children:
- VIII. Jeanne R. Royster m. George D. Pace
- VIII. Royal H. Royster, Jr.
- VIII. Franklin Hobgood Royster
- VIII. Cynthia R. Royster
- VII. Helen Royster m. 1st. Jack Currin (2nd Mr. Branch=no chil.)
Their children:
- VIII. Mary Helen Currin m. Lewis Heilbroner. Daughter:
- IX. Barbara C. Heilbroner
- VIII. Jack Currin, Jr. m. Willie Mae Daniel
- VII. Dorothy Royster, Oxford, N. C.
- VII. Thomas S. Royster m. Catherine Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkins of Oxford, N. C. Children:
- VIII. Catherine Royster
- VIII. Thomas S. Royster, Jr.

WILL OF WILLIAM ROBARDS

June 16, 1842

From Granville County, N. C. Record Will Book No. 15, p. 276.

I, William Robards of the County of Granville, State of North Carolina, do by these presents make, declare and publish my last Will and Testament as follows and bequeath, give and transfer what estate I am seized and possessed in the manner and form following --

I constitute and appoint my son Horace L. Robards my sole Executor with power and authority to sell negroes Jordon, Roben, little Jacob, Philis, little Sam, Weller, Minor, Cate and children, Eleck, brother of Willis and Jim Vaughan, for cash or on credit, either privately or publicly, to pay my debts, if not enough, such other as he may select, not interferring with those particularly given away in this my Will ---

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Royster one half of my LaGRANGE tract of land, to be divided by my Executor, if I should not mark it off with her husband, Stephen S. Royster. The other half of tract of land I bequeath to my son Henry J. Robards, and heirs and assigns forever.

I give to my daughter Jane and her husband Stephen S. Royster, the following negroes: Daniel, Big Sam, Edwin, Dav, Jacob, Henry, Patrick, Bill, little George, Terry, Jean Isabell, Dicy and child John, Emily and child Dawson, Suckey and child Davey, Robin, and Eliza, Frank, Betty to have possession when desired and at my death -- Albert, his wife, Viney, Alice, Watt and Alexander, little Davey Cank, Norvell, Phill, and their increase, Albert and wife and Davey Cank, subject to the deed in trust that I have made. The household and kitchen furniture, one half of the stock of horses, hogs, sheep and cattle, one half of the crop on hand except the tobacco, my carriage and pair of horses, to them and their heirs forever.

WILLIAM ROBARDS

December 24, 1841,

I give and bequeath to my son Henry Jones Robards, his heirs and assigns forever, one half of my LaGrange tract of land as before mentioned, negroes Peggy, subject to deed of trust to Horace, Jimcrank, Burwell, Sigh, Damon, Jesse, Rutter, Washington, Davey "H", Polly, Harden, Jeff, Isbell, Patty, Fuller, Silvey and child, William and Moses, sons of Polly Partlet ---

Thomas Miller and myself have divided the negroes which we owned jointly: that division is confirmed -- but the settlement of our accounts is not considered confirmed and is not binding to my legatees. If any loss is sustained in the demands due in the name of Robards and Miller for work done on the Rail Road and James River and Kanawba Canal Company, it is to be accounted for equally by all interested.

I give and bequeath to my son, Horace L. Robards, his heirs and assigns forever the Tar River tract of land called the Horse Shoe, in lieu of the LaGrange tract and in consideration that he pay the last bond due from him and me for the Horse Shoe tract. Also negro boys West, Henderson and big George interlined before signed.

Will of William Robards (continued)

I give and bequeath to my son, George W. Robards of Williamsborough, his heirs and assigns forever, all the Mill tract of land and little Nutbush; except 40 acres and the dwelling house in Williamsborough which I give to my son Henry Jones Robards, his heirs and assigns forever.

I direct that in case of the death of my son Horace L. Robards, whom I have appointed my Executor, I then in that case appoint Thomas Miller, William H. Robards, Jr. and Stephen Sampson Royster, husband of my daughter Jane --- and I authorize and empower the said Horace L. Robards to sell the land which I am entitled to on Mattimuskeet Lake and in case of his death before sale, they are at liberty to sell and after payment of the debts, the proceeds to be equally divided among my children. I also authorize the said Horace L. Robards to sell, convey by deed or otherwise my right and interest to the 30,000 acres called the South Mountain Speculation being one fourth of one third acres, also the goldmines called Hardbargains, the gold mine called Edwards place, the gold mine called Robards Castle, the tract of land on which Dr. Satterwhite now resides. To lease, let, or sell one-third of the Moore mine including four acres which I hold individually, the balance of the tract two hundred and odd acres with Hodges heirs and Nathaniel Robards, also to lease, let or sell the Bryansville Gold Mine.

I hereby give full power and authority to my single Executor Horace L. Robards and to those named to succeed him in case of his death, to sell and convey by deed or otherwise any tract of land which I may own or interest in gold mines or copper mines, which have not already been enumerated.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal, to this last will and testament published and declaring to same to be my last Will and Testament, June 16, 1842.

WILLIAM ROBARDS (Seal)

Witness:

John H. Hicks
Thos. Turner
Benjamin Best

Benjamin Best, subscribing witnesses hereto in Open Court and ordered to be recorded, at the same time comes forward Horace L. Robards, 1/ the executor named in said Will and duly qualifies such ---

Extracted from the Minutes - - -

Witness:

James M. Wiggins
Clerk

Note by the writers:

1/ Under Miscellaneous, see EXHIBIT F
and Page 26 of this book.

William H. Robards, Sr. (continued)

An Inventory of the Personal Property of William Robards, Deceased, Which Has Come to the Hands of Horace L. Robards, Executor.

Record of Will Book No. 15, pp 344-7 - 1842 Nov. Court

Cash on hand \$87-67 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Our claim in form of Judgt vs Jas. McDowell of Yancey City for \$318.50 and interest (Ca Sa).

One note on William Taylor due 5th Jany 1837 for \$15-50 (bad).

One note on Nelson Thomasson due 6th March 1824 for \$20 (bad).

One acct. vs Judge Henderson Est. due 1st Jan 1821 for \$42-73 (bad).

One note on Thos. Cary due 4th Feby 1824 (bad).

One note on Thos. Brame due 5th Nov. 1824 for \$42-33 (bad).

One note on Willis Loyd 23rd May 1826 for \$5 (bad).

One note on Julian Haylander now Mrs. Deeny due 10th May 1823 for \$85-91.

One acct vs John W. Evans due 1st Jany 1823 for \$55-02.

John & Green Emory's note due 10th Aug. 1827 for \$8 (bad) cr. by \$4.

One note on John Young due 4th Nov. 1824 for \$18 (bad) cr. by \$10. 9th Feb. 1825.

One note on Willis Emory due H.W. Miller due 8th Feby 1831 for \$4 (bad).

One note on Jeremiah Hester due 5th Nov. 1819 for \$12 (bad).

One ditto due 4th March 1819 for \$10 (bad).

One note on Wm. H. Sims due 17 Feby 1821 for \$18-67 cr by \$22 Oct. 1821.

One note on M. N. Henderson due 5th Aug 1821 for \$55-32.

One note on Richd Ferguson due 9th Feby 1821 for \$5.

One note on Jno Mayfield due 7th Feby 1820 for \$8.

One note on Gideon Harris due 4th Nov. 1822 for \$5.

One note on John Duty for \$20 due 8th Feby 1819.

One acknowledgment of indebtedness by Spencer O'Brian for \$232-63 $\frac{1}{2}$ due 23 Apr. 1834.

One judgment vs Mastin Freeman for \$10 Int. from 12th Nov. 1825 to 3rd Jany 1829.

One note on Benj. Hope for \$53-13 due 25th Apr. 1820 cr by \$18 May 1821.

One note on John Lund for \$50 due 8 Feby 1820 or Feby 1, 1821 by \$13-60.

One note on John Hall for \$4 Sept 13, 1819.

One note on Simeon Compton for \$4 due 13 Dec 1820.

One Do on Do for \$20 due 13 Dec. 1819 cr by \$9 Oct. 1820

One note on Saml H. Jones for \$50 condition for \$50 more Oct. 10, 1821.

Lewis Davis note for \$10 due 17 Dec 1818.

J. Dickerson acknowledgment for \$28, 12 June 1823.

John Pulliam's note for \$5 due 18 March 1820.

James May's note for \$5 13 March 1820.

James Starke's note for \$61-85 due 24 Dec. 1819 cr. by \$3 2nd Dec. 1820.

John C. Glover's note for \$750 11th Nov. 1821.

Thos. Myrick's note for \$8 due 24 May 1819.

William Hunter's note for \$5 due 6th Feb. 1820.

Henry Yancey's note for \$5 to 4th Sept. 1823

Willie Duncan's note for \$28-73 $\frac{1}{2}$ due 27 Nov. 1817.

Ann Jones' note for \$7 due 18 Sept. 1834.

Inventory of the Personal Property of William Robards,
Deceased 1842 (continued)

The above notes are all considered bad. There are a good many unsettled accounts due the Estate which will be returned in an amended inventory at Feby Granville County Court, the nature of the claim being such as to prevent their being inventoried at this time.

HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE

9 bedsteads, 1 crib black walnut, 10 feather beds, 8 bolsters, 14 pillows, 4 underbeds, 1 hair mattress, 10 counterpins, 2 comforts, 23 bed blankets, 3 bedquilts, 5 dutch blankets, and green blankets, 6 carpets, (2 scotch, 2 girting and 2 cotton), 2 hearth rugs, 8 linen sheets, 13 cotton sheets, 13 pillow cases, 1 dining table and ends, 2 painted pine tables, 3 foot valices, 2 sets of bed curtains (1 calico and 1 dimity), 22 window curtains (10 calico-rest white), 8 toiletts, 30 towels, 3 cotton table cloths, 4 damask table cloths with thread, 16 andirons, 53 chairs, 2 rocking chairs, 4 small ditto, 5 washstands, 7 looking glasses, 2 card tables, 2 candle stands, 1 bookcase, 1 china press, 2 bureaux, 1 cherry - 1 walnut - 1 mahogany sideboard, 4 oil cloths, 5 pairs shovel and tongs, 1 water bucket and coconut, 1 painted wardrobe, 3 brass candlesticks, 5 pair snuffers, 1 tray, 13 large silver spoons, 2 silver ladles, 15 teaspoons, 1 sugar tongs, 2 butter knives, 1 set of castors and 2 cruets, 357 pieces of table service (crockery ware), 1/2 doz pitchers, 4 bowls and pitchers, 9 wide mouth jugs (knives and forks 56 pieces), kitchen furniture, 5 dutch ovens, 2 tops, 4 round ovens, 2 tops, 1 spider, 2 frying pans, 3 small pots, 3 large ditto iron, 4 baking pans, 1 gridiron, 2 flat irons, 4 coffee pots, 2 tea kettles, 2 sets of candle moulds, 2 sifters, 3 trays, 3 tubs, 3 pails, 1 churn, 1 griddle, 1 large copper kettle, 1 copper skillet, 4 andirons, 1 shovel, 1 coffee mill, rolling pin, 1 spice mortar, weights and scales, 5 spinning wheels, 1 loom and fixtures, hanking reel and winding blades, flax wheel, parcel of bags, jugs, demijohns, pans, barrel, spades and shovels, 1 set of Blacksmith tools, consisting of anvil, vial, hammer, tongs and billows, etc. Carpenter tools consisting of broad axe, hatchet, plain handsaw, files, etc., 1 grinding stone, parcel of anes, welding shoes, grubbing hoe, hilling hoes, 6 canteens, 10 1-horse plows, 3 double plows, 1 large plow, parcel of old harness, iron wheels and other plunder, 1 large road wagon, 1 stage wagon, 1 small wagon, 2 oxcarts, 3 horse carts, 1 old sulky Barouche and harness, 15 pair traces, 4 common harness, 2 ? harness, 2 manure forks, riding bridles, 2 saddles, 2 wagon saddles, 2 side saddles, parcel of shucks, collars, wheel barrow, 15 ploughs and wagon bridle, sugar and coffee used by family, 18 head of cattle, 2 yoke of oxen, 2 bulls, 6 calves, between 50 and 60 hogs, 14 sheep, 1 small Jack, 1/2 Don Gala parcel of wool used for negroes, clothes, wheat, corn, oats, fodder, rye, quantity not ascertained, crop, the present year not settled, wine and whiskey not measured, parcel of trunks, iron, wedges, parcel of preserves and butter, 1 ink stand, likeness of Chief Justice Henderson, ditto of Chief Justice Marshall, likeness of Signers of the Declaration of Independence, family portraits, pair fine scales and weights, 17 head horses, books of miscellaneous character, 1 large family Bible, Doyle's Commentary, ditto 3 Vol.'s,

Inventory of the Personal Property of William Robards,
Deceased 1842 (continued).

one piano and cover, one large clock, one map of the United States, large, one map of State of North Carolina, one small map, 6 Jinnies, 4 mules, cash net proceeds of 10 hogds of tobacco sold for \$348-11, negroes 67, cash proceeds of draft from Wm. M. Sneed, Jr. \$185-75. Cash of Mr. Cook of Warrenton \$22 for Albert. One receipt on James M. Heggie ct. for account vs. Mary Williams for \$60 or thereabouts. There are unsettled claims on memorandum books vs. Wm. Fergusys, Messrs. Robards and Fergusys, Thos. Miller, Nathaniel Robards. George W. Robards and others, the precise amount I have no means now of ascertaining, also a variety of accounts on old books of Nathaniel Robards, etc. which cannot be at this time ascertained, as well as some other unsettled accounts, claims for sale of 3 negroes and hire of two others amount not known. About \$1200.

H. L. Robards, Executor (signed)

North Carolina) November Court, A.D.
Granville County) 1842

The following inventory was duly rendered on oath in the Open Court by Horace L. Robards, Executor, and ordered to be recorded.

Witness:

James M. Wiggins
Clk.

Note: The above mentioned Thomas Miller was his son-in-law, (Mary Ann's husband)
Nathaniel Robards was his brother.
George W. Robards was his son.
William H. Robards, Jr. was his son, the writer's
grandfather!

V. WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, JR. Born 1810. Planter. "Oakwood," his plantation, five miles south of Oxford, North Carolina. Died 1862.

There was no Will, but "Inventory and Account of Sales of the Property Belonging to the Estate of William H. Robards, Deceased," sold by A. Landis, Administrator, on the 13th day of March, 1863, is recorded in Granville County, N. C. Book of Records No. 21, page 665.

His wife:

Susan Anderson Watkins, married in 1835. She was the daughter of Dr. Joseph Watkins of "Ben Lomond," Goochland Co., Va. (See Exhibit H, et seq., for Watkins.) He died 1862 while three of his sons were serving in the Confederate Army. His wife (b. 1814) died 1888. Both are buried in Henderson, N. C.

Children:

Ten, (four died in infancy). His youngest child who lived, Henry Jones Robards, was the father of the writer.

WILLIAM HENDERSON ROBARDS, JR.

V. William Henderson Robards, Jr., born 1810; married 1835, Susan Anderson Watkins, daughter of Dr. Joseph Watkins of "Ben Lomond," Goochland County, Va. 1/ (See WATKINS, Exhibits H, et seq.) Their plantation "Oakwood," was about five miles south of Oxford, N.C. and is still known as the "old Robards place" although it was sold many years ago. (See Exhibit F.) He died in 1862 while three of his sons--Thomas, Joseph and William--were serving in the Confederate Army. His youngest son, Henry, was then about twelve years of age, and was at home with his mother and sisters, Sue and Bet. There was no Will. However, an INVENTORY OF ACCOUNT OF SALES of his estate will be found in the Granville County, N.C. Book of Records No. 21, on page 665.

As was characteristic of the Robards men, he was highly esteemed and a most courteous gentleman, a devoted husband and father, and a kind "master" to his slaves, many of whom wished to stay on with the family after the Civil War when they were "freed." The writer remembers hearing that her grandfather was so very polite that, even on his death bed, he reached out his hand to assist his wife, Susan, who was trying to get up on the bed beside him. She survived him by 26 years. They are both buried in the family plot of their son, William J. Robards, in Henderson, N. C. There were the following ten children: 2/

Thomas S. Robards (Tommy)
 Joseph Watkins Robards (Joe)
 William J. Robards (Buck)
 Susan Hoge Robards (Sue)
 Elizabeth Jean Robards (Bet)
 HENRY JONES ROBARDS (Hal)

Their children who died in infancy were:

Mary Ann Robards
 Francis Benjamin Robards
 Horace Lawrence Robards
 Josephine Frances Robards

VI. Thomas S. Robards, born 1836; served in the Confederate Army. After the Civil War he went to Texas and never returned. He was unmarried. (NOTE: The writer, when a child, sometimes wore the engagement ring which was returned to her "Uncle Tommy", whom she never saw, and which prompted his going to Texas. His girl never married, and one day this "real old lady" came to see the writer's Aunt Sue and Bet and asked them for the ring. They, of course, gladly gave it to her and the writer never wore the ring any more! This sentimentality greatly impressed her.)

VI. Joseph Watkins Robards, born 1838, served in the Confederate Army. After the War, he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he married an English lady, and widow--Mrs. Walton. They owned a mercantile business in St. Louis until he died in 1888. There were no children.

1/ "Catalogue of Descendants of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony," Va., by Francis N. Watkins. (See WATKINS, Exhibits H, et seq.)

2/ Family Bible Records - Scotts Bible, Vol. 1, published 1833.

William H. Robards, Jr. (continued)

VI. William J. Robards, born 1840, served as Lieut. in the Confederate Army. Married in 1869, Annie Swepson Andrews, sister of Col. A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, N. C. For many years "Captain Robards" was connected with the old Raleigh and Gaston Railroad (now the Seaboard Air Line) and lived in Henderson, N. C. where his family was reared. Several of his children still live there. He died in 1899, at the age of 59. His wife died 31 years later, at the age of 88. Both are buried in Henderson, N. C. Their six children are as follows:

VII. Virginia Hawkins Robards, born Oct. 29, 1870, died Jan. 6, 1959. She resided the greater part of her life in Henderson, N. C. where she was active in the Episcopal Church and community affairs. She was a great favorite among her many friends and relatives. Unmarried.

VII. William Watkins Robards, oldest son of William J. Robards, was born Nov. 30, 1872; married Sadie Root of Raleigh, N. C., sister of Dr. Al Root. For years Watkins Robards was a well known banker in Raleigh and Charlotte, N. C. and retired in Sanford where he died in July 1950. He is buried in Raleigh, N. C. No children.

VII. Annie Andrews Robards, born Oct. 31, 1874, m. Alexander Smith Davis of Stovall, N.C. He was a brother of the late Dr. Ike Davis of Oxford. "Lex", as he was called, was for years a popular druggist in Henderson where he and Annie lived. Annie still lives in Henderson and is active in the Episcopal Church and community affairs. No children.

VII. Susan Anderson Robards was born Oct. 6, 1876. In 1908, she married Philip H. Thomas, a prominent druggist of Henderson. "Phil" and his brother John Thomas operated the Thomas Drug Store there for many years. Sue and her sister Annie, both married druggists, and the two couples were always very close and lived in the same house practically all their married lives. Since the death of their husbands, the two sisters are still living together in Henderson (1959). Sue is active in the Episcopal Church and is a member of the Colonial Dames. She had one daughter:

VIII. Annie Andrews Thomas, born in Henderson, N.C. She has been employed by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. for quite a few years, where she is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church and has many friends. She is a member of the Colonial Dames and resides at the D.A.R. House on Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

William H. Robards, Jr. (continued)

- VII. Joseph Clifton Robards, born Sept. 27, 1880, m. Lena Taylor of Oxford, N. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Taylor, and sister of Kennon Taylor, president of Oxford National Bank. For over 35 years Clifton was connected with the Southern Railway. They resided for a number of years in Atlanta, Georgia, but after his retirement returned to Oxford, N. C. where they are active in the Episcopal Church and club work, Lena having been a former president of the Oxford Woman's Club. They have no children.
- VII. Francis Benjamin Robards (Frank) was born September 30, 1884. Married in 1926, Alice Thomas of Henderson. For many years he has been in the banking business in Henderson, N. C. Both he and his wife are active in church, civic and social affairs of Henderson. They have two children as follows:
- VIII. Betsy Ann Robards, born in Henderson, N.C., April 15, 1927. Taught for several years and married Dr. Luby Royall, a dentist of Smithfield, N. C. where they now live. They have the following children:
- IX. James Franklin Royall, b. May 24, 1954
- IX. Thomas Robards Royall, b. Dec. 16, 1956
- IX. Alice Lee Royall, b. May 19, 1959
- VIII. Frank B. Robards, Jr., b. in Henderson, N. C. Dec. 11, 1929. First Lieut. in U.S. Air Force, serving in Korea. Married Sept. 1957, Mildred Kenyon Roberts, daughter of James Francis Roberts of Bamberg, S. C. They are residing in Augusta, Georgia, where Frank, Jr. is connected with the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Augusta.
- IX. Frank B. Robards, III

William H. Robards, Jr. (continued)

VI. Susan Hoge Robards, born Jan. 13, 1842, died in 1922.
Unmarried.

VI. Bettie Jean Robards, born Mar. 3, 1844, died in 1919.
Unmarried.

It seems befitting to mention the above sisters jointly, as they were only separated for brief periods of time during their entire lives. They were the only sisters of the writer's father, and she is their namesake. (It was probably through their influence she became interested in genealogy.) (See Exhibit F.)

After the Civil War, Bettie went to New York to further her study of art, and afterwards taught in several schools and colleges. Her sister Sue remained with their mother at "Oakwood," the old plantation of their father, and tried to carry on during the reconstruction days when all had "gone with the wind." The writer remembers the handsome old side-saddle her Aunt Sue always kept in the attic, on which she rode over the plantation during those reconstruction days. After the death of their mother, and the marriage of their brother Henry, Sue and Bettie later made their home in Oxford with his family.

Misses Sue and Bettie Robards were cultured, well educated ladies, talented with their needle and paint brush, which they said was as much a part of their education as reading and writing. Many prized oil paintings done by "Bettie J. Robards" are in the possession of various members of the family.

The sisters were excellent conversationalists, which, combined with their warm hospitality attracted many persons and callers. They commercialized on their knowledge of art and needlework, and the writer, as a girl, remembers their art exhibits after which they would "serve tea." She also remembers their touch of the needle and paint brush, combined with that of her mother's, in making her own evening dresses!

After the death of their brother Henry in 1917 (see next chapter), Sue and Bet, cheerfully and bravely went to reside in the Confederate Home for Ladies at Fayetteville, N. C. There, they were nicknamed "The Heavenly Twins." Bettie died in the "Home", but Sue returned to Oxford where she lived the remainder of her days with her brother's wife, Mary (the writer's mother), who had always been so considerate of her sisters-in-law. They are both buried in their brother Henry's plot in Oxford, N. C. They were both lifelong members of the Presbyterian church.

VI. HENRY JONES ROBARDS, youngest child of William H. Robards, Jr. born Dec. 2, 1850, m. Mary Ellen Humphries. (Parents of the writer.)

Continued in the next Chapter.

- VI. HENRY JONES ROBARDS, born Dec. 2, 1850, in Goochland Co. Virginia. Lived most of his life in Oxford, N. C. Member of the I.O.O.F., a Presbyterian, and was Treasurer of Granville County, N.C. when he died in 1917.
- First wife: Mattie Fetter (daughter of a professor at the University of N. C.) They had one daughter who died in infancy.
- Second wife: Mary Ellen Humphries, b. July 5, 1873, daughter of a Baptist minister, Rev. C. F. Humphries and wife Ellen Long, both of Roxboro, N. C. They were married Feb. 21, 1893. She died Feb. 16, 1953.
- Children: Three: *Bessie Hoge Robards (Mrs. Farrior)
William Cornelius Robards (Neil)
Henry Watkins Robards

* the writer of this book.

VI.

HENRY JONES ROBARDS

VI. Henry J. Robards (father of the writer), was born Dec. 2, 1850, in Goochland Co., Va., at "Ben Lomond," the homestead of his grandfather Watkins. He spent most of his years in Granville County, N.C. Attended Horner Military School in Oxford. Married first, Mattie Fetter, daughter of an English professor of the University of N.C. They lost their only child in infancy. After his first wife's death, he lived in St. Louis, Mo. for some years, but returned to the old plantation, "Oakwood," where he lived with his sisters Sue and Bet, until he married the writer's mother in 1893.

The writer has often heard the older residents of Granville County speak of her father as a "dashing and handsome young widower" who attended many a countryside dance and party. It has often been said that her father was the most courteous and polite gentleman in Granville Co. His popularity was expressed when, in his latter years, he was elected Treasurer of Granville County, with little or no campaigning on his part, in which capacity he served until he died suddenly at the end of a day's work, Dec. 27, 1917. He wrote his daughter a cheerful letter just a few hours before he died, which letter she still has. He spent a good many of his years as a traveling salesman, as well as an accountant. He was an Odd Fellow and a Presbyterian all of his life.

His wife, Mary Ellen Humphries, born July 5, 1873, was the daughter of Rev. Cornelius Francis Humphries and wife, Ellen Long, both of Person County, N. C. They were all strong Baptists. Her sister, Maggie Humphries, was a school teacher and music teacher. She died in 1949, unmarried. Her brother, Charles Humphries died unmarried in 1953. Her younger sister, Eugenia Humphries, was also a music teacher as well as a trained nurse for many years. She married Charles N. Simon and they live in Columbia, S. C. They have no children.

Mary Ellen Humphries attended the Oxford Seminary (later called Oxford College) and was teaching school in Granville County when she married Henry J. Robards, Feb. 21, 1893. Some years later, she again taught "Domestic Art" at the Oxford College. After her husband's death in 1917, she accepted positions at the Oxford Orphanage as head of the Sewing Class, and as Matron of a Girls Dormitory. She was very talented with her needle, and was generally admired and loved for her kindness and graciousness. The writer has often heard her mother spoken of as "the salt of the earth." She was a member of the Eastern Star and a life-long Baptist. She died Feb. 16, 1953, and is buried by her husband Henry J. Robards in Elmwood Cemetery, Oxford, N. C. Their children:

VII.	Elizabeth Hoge Robards (Bessie Hoge)
VII.	William Cornelius Robards (Neil)
VII.	HENRY WATKINS ROBARDS

Note: Facts and dates from the Sixth Generation to the present day have been obtained from Bible records, recollection, and personal knowledge of various ones.

Henry Jones Robards (continued)

VII. Bessie Hoge Robards, b. Oct. 1894, in Oxford, N.C. Married Oct. 1, 1913, Kenneth McKinnon Farrior of Kenansville, N.C., son of Edward Armstrong Farrior and wife, Kitty McKinnon. Kenneth was b. Sept. 26, 1893 in Kenansville. Attended Horner Military School in Oxford, N.C. Graduated from the law class of the University of N. C. in 1914, and practiced law a few years in Kenansville, N.C. Served in the Army Air Force in World War I. Bessie Hoge and Kenneth were divorced April 13, 1925. Kenneth remarried and had one daughter. He and his second wife were divorced. He died in New York June 9, 1935, and is buried in Kenansville, N. C.

In 1923-24, Bessie R. Farrior went back to Oxford College (where she had previously attended years before) and took a business course. She has worked continuously since that time--17 years in an insurance office in Oxford, 15 years of which time she also taught a private night school of stenography in her home. In 1941 she came to Washington, D.C. and worked under civil service for various government agencies until she retired from the government in 1956. Since then, she was employed in a law office for a year, and is now happily employed in an office of the American Council on Education, Washington, D.C. Children of Bessie Robards Farrior and Kenneth McKinnon Farrior are:

Edward Robards Farrior
Mary McKinnon Farrior
Kitty McKinnon Farrior

VIII. Edward Robards Farrior, b. Oct. 4, 1915, in Kenansville, N. C., m. Dec. 27, 1937, Leslie Clyde McKinney (Pete), b. May 10, 1914. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McKinney of Fuquay Springs, N. C. Edward worked for Imperial Tobacco Co. of Oxford, N.C. and the N.C. State Highway Dept. before he was inducted into service, World War II. From May 31, 1943 to Jan. 9, 1946, he served with the 351st Infantry of the 88th Division in the Italian campaign. He is now a Public Accountant and Tax Consultant in Fuquay Springs, N. C. They have the following children:

IX. Leslie Elizabeth Farrior (Beth) b. Dec. 10, 1947, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

IX. Rebekah Hoge Farrior (Becky Hoge) b. June 15, 1955, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Henry Jones Robards (continued)

- VIII. Mary McKinnon Farrior, daughter of Bessie Robards Farrior, b. Jan. 30, 1919, in Oxford, N.C., m. May 6, 1942, Louis Rhem Hutchinson, b. May 4, 1919 in Richlands. He is the son of Mrs. Sadie Hutchinson (now Mrs. Patton), who for many years was in charge of the "Singing Class" at the Oxford Orphanage. Louis was named for his mother's brother, Rhem Taylor of Richlands, N.C. Louis served in World War II from 1941 to 1945, Flight Sergeant in the Army Air Force, 12th Bombardment Group, attached to the British Eighth Army in the African campaign. He was also in the China-Burma-India theatre as a part of the Eastern Air Command. While he was overseas, Mary lived in Washington with her mother and sister, working at the United States Chamber of Commerce until he returned. They now live in Oxford, N. C. where Louis is a partner in Capehart Cleaners, Inc. They are active in the Methodist church and civic affairs. They have one son:
- IX. Louis Rhem Hutchinson, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1947, in Oxford, N.C.
- VIII. Kitty McKinnon Farrior, youngest child of Bessie Robards Farrior, b. Jan. 7, 1921, in Oxford, N.C. Worked for the State Legislature in Raleigh, N.C. in 1941. Came to Washington in 1942 to live with her mother and sister and was employed by the Navy Department and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. On April 14, 1949, she m. Richard Selon Cook, son of Roy A. Cook and wife, Marion Gavin of Lexington Mass. He was b. June 12, 1924. In World War II he was Captain in the U.S. Air Force in the ~~European~~^{Pacific} theatre, where he was wounded, with a disability. He is now a Major in the Air Force Reserves. After graduating from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown Univ., with master's work at George Washington Univ., he accepted employment in the U.S. Navy Department in Washington. Their home is: 2542 North Granada Street, Arlington, Virginia. Their children are:
- IX. Mary Katherine Cook, b. Aug. 1, 1952, in Washington, D.C.
- Twins:
- IX. Richard McKinnon Cook, b. Jan. 26, 1955, in Washington, D.C.
- IX. Robert Selon Cook, b. Jan. 26, 1955, in Washington, D.C.

Henry Jones Robards (continued)

VII. William Cornelius Robards (Neil), son of Henry Jones Robards (and brother of the writer), was born May 2, 1896, in Oxford, North Carolina. He served on the Mexican Border from October 1916 to March 1917, under Brig. Gen. Lawrence W. Young at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. In World War I, he was Sergeant in Company E, 120th Infantry, 30th Division (Old Hickory Division). On May 12, 1918, he sailed for overseas duty to Calais, France, and on to Ypres, in the Offensive and Defensive Lines. The first contingents of American troops to land in Belgium were his Division (the 30th), and the Yankee Division (the 27th), under Gen. Faison's and General Ryann's command, respectively. He saw combat service on the following battlefronts: Ypres, Offensive and Defensive; Lyns; Somme--Defensive Sector Canal; Hindenburg Line, Sept. 29, 1918; and other smaller conflicts. Was discharged from service April 19, 1919, at Camp Jackson, S. C.

While in California, he married on June 7, 1924, Mildred Ann Gordon of Philadelphia, Pa., b. Jan. 27, 1897. She was the daughter of George Washington Gordon and wife, Mary Elizabeth Reilly. (George W. Gordon was the son of James G. Gordon and wife, Anna Seibert. Mary Elizabeth Reilly was the daughter of James A. Reilly of Lancaster County, Pa., and wife, Aloysina McGinn.) Neil was a machanic by trade, and is very talented in making furniture, lamps, etc., many nice pieces of which are in his home and his daughter's home. He joined the Catholic church with his wife who was a devout Catholic. He is connected with St. Mary's Infant Home in Norfolk where he and his wife live at the present time. They have one daughter:

Mary Elizabeth Robards

VIII. Mary Elizabeth Robards (Babo), was born in Los Angeles, California, October 12, 1927. They moved to Norfolk, Va. in April 1928. Mary Elizabeth attended St. Mary's School in Norfolk. Worked for the Navy Department in Norfolk until she was married on Feb. 7, 1948, to Anthony Henry Krystosik (Tony) of Syracuse, New York. He was born Feb. 7, 1927, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Krystosik live in Syracuse, New York. He served in the Navy during World War II, and being in the Naval Reserves was recalled for service during the Korean crisis. He and his family were stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana for the duration. They now reside in Camillus, New York, and have the following children:

Henry Jones Robards (continued)

IX. Mary Elizabeth Krystosik, born Feb. 14, 1949,
in Syracuse, New York

IX. Stephen Anthony Krystosik, born July 30, 1951,
in Syracuse, New York

IX. Lydia Anne Krystosik, born January 11, 1954,
in Syracuse, New York

VII. HENRY WATKINS ROBARDS, youngest child of Henry Jones Robards,
b. March 28, 1899, m. Syble Tarrant of Greenwood, S. C.

Continued in the next Chapter.

VII. HENRY WATKINS ROBARDS - Born, Oxford, N. C. March 28, 1899. Attended Massie Business College, Richmond, Virginia. For many years with W. A. Adams Company, Oxford, N. C. and was an active member of the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

His wife: Syble Tarrant of Greenwood, S.C. Since 1943, they have resided in Greenwood, where he has been an accountant for Stockton Oil Company.

Children: Five. 1 daughter:
Bettie Reynolds Robards

4 sons:
Henry Watkins Robards, Jr.
William Tarrant Robards
James Woodward Robards
John Howard Robards

It should be noted that these last four Robards sons of the Eighth Generation, bear every given name of their paternal forefathers in the first seven generations.

They are as follows:

I.	John Robards, the colonist from Wales		
II.	William Robards	-	his son
III.	James Robards	-	" "
IV.	William Robards, Sr.	-	" "
V.	William Robards, Jr.	-	" "
VI.	Henry J. Robards	-	" "
VII.	Henry Watkins Robards	-	" "

VIII.	Henry, Jr.		
	William		
	James)	--twins	
	John)		<u>his sons!</u>

VII.

HENRY WATKINS ROBARDS

VII. Henry Watkins Robards, born March 28, 1899 in Oxford, N.C., is the youngest child of Henry J. Robards and wife, Mary Ellen Humphries. Graduated from Massie Business College in Richmond, Va. and for many years employed by W. A. Adams Co., a large tobacco company in Oxford, N. C. Each season he would go on the tobacco markets in various towns in North and South Carolina and Georgia. Like his father, Henry was very courteous and friendly, and of a jovial, happy nature. He was often called "a chip off the old block." Before he was married he was like a father to the writer's children and they thought there was no one like "Uncle Henry!" He was an active member of the Oxford Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, where he began as a little boy "pumping the old pipe organ." (There was no electric attachment in those days.)

He married Syble Tarrant of Greenwood, S. C. who was born May 5, 1900, the daughter of Robert Hunter Tarrant and wife, Ida Reynolds. They were both of old and prominent families in the vicinity of Greenwood, and were Presbyterians. Mrs. Tarrant was the daughter of Bennett Reynolds and wife, Henrietta Blake. She held office as president of the John McKeller Reynolds Chapter of the U.D.C. and also a chapter of the D.A.R. in Greenwood. Syble was educated at Winthrop College and taught school in Oxford where she and Henry became acquainted. They moved from Oxford to Greenwood in 1944, where they presently reside, and where Henry is employed as an accountant for Stockton Oil Company. They have the five following children:

Henry Watkins Robards, Jr.

William Tarrant Robards

Elizabeth Reynolds Robards (Betty)

Twins: James Woodward Robards

John Howard Robards

VIII.

Henry Watkins Robards, Jr., was born in Sumpter, S.C. Sept. 6, 1929. He graduated from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. and Columbia Theological Seminary of Decatur, Georgia. He joined the Army Air Force in 1955 and was assistant to the Chaplain on the base at San Antonio, Texas. He is now employed by the National Savings and Trust Company in Washington, D. C.

Henry Watkins Robards (continued)

- VIII. William Tarrant Robards, second son of Henry W. Robards, born in Oxford, N. C. Dec. 17, 1930. Married Margaret Jane Tollison in 1950.

(Continued in the next chapter.)

- VIII. Elizabeth Reynolds Robards (Betty), only daughter of Henry W. Robards, was born in Oxford, N. C. Nov. 28, 1935. She attended Erskine and Lander Colleges in South Carolina. Since her graduation in 1958, she has taught in Marietta, Georgia.

The two sons below, James and John, are twins, living with their parents in Greenwood at the present time. They both belong to the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship and the National Guard, and are employed locally at this time (1959).

- VIII. James Woodward Robards, born in Oxford, N. C. April 13, 1938--dark hair and brown eyes.

- VIII. John Howard Robards, born in Oxford, N. C. April 13, 1938--red hair and blue eyes!

VIII.

WILLIAM TARRANT ROBARDS

VIII. William Tarrant Robards, b. Dec. 17, 1930, in Oxford, N.C.
After finishing high school in Greenwood, S.C., he worked a few years with the S.C. State Highway; then joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in Korea. His last two years of service were spent in Panama City, Florida. He married Margaret Jane Tollison in 1950. In 1955 he entered Clemson College, majoring in Civil Engineering. During his college years, he worked every summer and in all the spare time he had, his faithful little wife and children going with him wherever his job called him. After his graduation in June, 1959, he accepted a position with the Tennessee Valley Authority, and they are to make their home in Knoxville, Tennessee. They have the following children:

IX. Virginia Ann Robards (Ginny), born
November 9, 1953, in Panama City, Florida

IX. Sheryl Lane Robards (Sherrie), born
November 11, 1954, in Panama City, Florida

Note: It is hoped that, as time goes on, the records of this and future generations will be kept current. This book is compiled especially for my four nephews, HENRY, WILLIAM, JAMES and JOHN ROBARDS, and the future sons of The Robards Family.

Bevie Robards Farrier (Signed)

Date: June 11, 1959.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA
IN CONNECTION WITH

"A HISTORY OF THE ROBARDS FAMILY"
by Bessie Robards Farrior

Certified Copy of the Marriage Bond of William RoBards, Jr. and his second wife, Elizabeth Lewis - Dated August 29, 1781 - From the Virginia Magazine of History, Vol. 10, page 98, et seq.

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, THAT WILLIAM J. RoBARDS, JR. AND LEWIS ROBARDS ARE HELD AND FIRMLY BOUND INTO THE EXECUTIVE POWER OF THE STATE IN THE SUM OF 50 POUNDS IN CURRENT MONEY. TO WHICH PAYMENT, WELL AND TRULY TO BE MADE, WE DO BIND OURSELVES, AND EACH OF US, AND EACH OF OUR HEIRS, EXECUTORS OR ADMINISTRATORS, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY BY THESE PRESENTS:

"WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST, ONE THOUSAND 7 HUNDRED AND 81.

"THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT IF THERE IS IN ANY LAW, CAUSE TO OBJECT A MARRIAGE INTENDED TO BE HAD SOLOMNIZED BY THE ABOVE BONDED WILLIAM RoBARDS, JR. AND ELIZABETH LEWIS, THEN THE ABOVE OBLIGATION WOULD BE VOID, ELSE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE.

William RoBards /seal/
Lewis RoBards /seal/

"Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of: George Payne

"State of Virginia)
Goochland County)

"I, William Miller, Clerk of said Court of Goochland County, do certify that the above is a true copy of the bond signed in my office, executed by William RoBards with Lewis RoBards, security for the purpose of obtaining a license to intermarry with Elizabeth Lewis, with the exception of the date, which is expressed in the bond in fair legible figures as follows: (29th day of August 1781)

Signed) William Miller
Clk."

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Copied from 7V-312-313

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D. C.
June 23, 1893

"Sirs: In reply to your request for a statement of the Military History of George RoBards, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will please find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Enlisted February 1777; served 3 years as sergeant under Captain Moses Hawkins and Col. Charles Lewis, Va.

Enlisted as Lieutenant 1780; served six months under Captain Curd and Col. Lucas, Va.

Enlisted as Lieutenant Jan. 1781; served 3 months under Captain Larkin Smith, Va.

Enlisted as Lieutenant May 1781; served 6 months under General Lafayette against Cornwallis.

He was appointed Captain probably about August 1781 and served as such until the close of the War.

Battles Engaged In: Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stoney Point and Camden.

Residence of Soldier at Enlistment: Goochland County, Va.

Date of Application for Pension: September 1832

Residence at Date of Application: Mercer County, Kentucky, where resided since 1791.

Age at Date of Application: Not stated

Remarks: His pension was allowed.

Very tespectfully,

William Lochren
Commissioner."

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EXHIBIT C
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COPY

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To:
AGAW-O/MN

17 June 1947

Respectfully returned to

Mrs. Bessie Robards Farrior
116 West Front Street
Oxford, North Carolina

Neither the name James Robards (RoBards) nor the name Nathaniel Massie has been found on the records on file in this office of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War from Virginia.

Copies of Virginia records of the Court of Louisa County and Goochland County, Virginia show the following: On 8 September 1777 one James Robards was appointed 2nd Lieutenant; on 30 March 1784 he made claim for wheat.

Copies of Virginia records of the Court of Goochland County, Va., show that one Nathaniel Massie was replaced in office as Captain, and on 30 March 1784 one Nathaniel Massie made claim for wheat. Also that one William Robards made claim for wheat on 30 March 1784.

The collection of Revolutionary War records on file in this office is incomplete, and it is possible that additional information may be obtained from the Librarian, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.

/s/
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

WILL OF NATHANIEL MASSIE

December 16, 1801

(Excerpt from: Virginia Magazine of History, Vol. 23, p. 81)
(Congressional Library Reference F221 .V21)

Sons: Nathaniel and Thomas, all lands in Kentucky.

Daughter: Mary Robards has had her proportion of my estate.

Daughter: Elizabeth Massie has had her proportion of my estate.

Constance Miller (probably a daughter) has had her proportion of my estate. Son Gideon, the land I now live on reserving to my six youngest children a home; also two negroes; bequests to six youngest daughters I had by my last wife: Rebecky, Nancy, Sarah, Patsy, Charlotte and Ginney Massey.

Dated December 16, 1801. Proved Goochland County, July 9, 1802.

NOTE: For MASSIE GENEALOGY, see William and Mary Quarterly XV, pg. 128.

From: William & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 8, Page 94 (8W(1)94)
(Congressional Library Reference F221 W71)

Marriage Bonds in Goochland Co.

Dec. 20, 1784
Archibald Riddle to Frances Massie, sec.* JAMES ROBARDS

*Sec. means "Security".

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AN INTERESTING COINCIDENCE

In 1952, Mrs. Julia Robards Mayer Cline, in seeking information regarding her Robards ancestors, contacted me in Oxford, North Carolina through the Clerk of Court's office there, and later came with her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Cline Garner of Milledgeville, Georgia, to visit me. We went to Williamsboro, N. C., the home of our forefathers, to see the old St. John's Church in which the Robards family figured so prominently in its early history. St. John's Church in Williamsboro, N. C. is the only colonial church building standing today in the Diocese of North Carolina. It was built in 1757. We also visited the graves of my great-grandparents at their old home-
stead, "LaGrange," still in good repair and owned by the Royster descendants. After our visit to Williamsboro, we stopped by Henderson, N. C. where Mrs. Cline met for the first time my first cousins, also Robards descendants.

In August 1954, while I was staying with my daughter in Arlington, Virginia, Mrs. W. P. Wilson of Little Rock, Arkansas, called me over the phone from the home of her son, General Winston P. Wilson, 4140 36th Street, South Arlington, whom she was visiting. She had also been given my name and address while in Oxford trying to obtain information regarding her Robards lineage. The desired information not being available at that time, I referred Mrs. Wilson to Mrs. Cline of Milledgeville, Georgia, to whom I had previously sent information on my findings. Both Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cline are great-granddaughters of Nathaniel Robards, brother of my great-grandfather, William Robards, whose grave Mrs. Cline and I had visited at "LaGrange."

I learned through Mrs. Cline that she and Mrs. Wilson had been corresponding. They had never heard of each other before, although Mrs. Cline had visited in the home of Mrs. Wilson's daughter, not knowing they had a mutual ancestor - Nathaniel Robards!

I think this is quite an interesting coincidence!

Signed: Bessie Robards Farrior
(Mrs.) Bessie Robards Farrior

Dated: May 6, 1955

Miscellaneous Notes

The old home of Horace L. Robards, attorney, was on the corner of Williamsboro and Bell Streets, Oxford, N.C., in recent years the home of the John A. Williams family. After the death of her husband, and financial reverses, Mrs. Bettie Robards became the first matron of the Oxford Orphanage, then under the direction of the founder, Dr. Mills. She was greatly loved by the children who called her "Grandma Robards."

Mrs. Bettie Robards (widow of Horace) often had one of the larger Orphanage boys place her mahogany rocking chair (now in the possession of the writer) in a wagon where she would sit while he drove her out to visit her sister, Mrs. Susan Robards (grandmother of the writer). Mrs. Susan Robards (widow of William) lived about five miles south of Oxford on her plantation "Oakwood."

These two sisters, Bettie and Susan Watkins, were daughters of Dr. Joseph Watkins of "Ben Lomond," Goochland County, Va. Dr. Joseph Watkins was the son of Francis Watkins of "Poplar Hill", Prince Edward County and Agnes Woodson. Agnes Woodson was the daughter of Richard Woodson and Ann Micheaux, a French woman of Huguenot celebrity. (See EXHIBIT H, re: WATKINS, WOODSON, MICHEAUX, ROCHETTE, etc.)

These two sisters, Bettie and Susan Watkins married brothers -- Horace and William Robards, respectively. The writer's "Aunt Sue" and "Aunt Bet", for whom she was named, were the namesakes of their mother Susan, and aunt Bettie.

"Aunt Sue and Aunt Bet" often told the writer bits of family information and she, as a child, was intrigued with their many interesting stories about the olden days at "LaGrange," "Ben Lomond," and "Oakwood," and especially about the "Civil War Days" and pre-Civil War days. The writer felt she was "well acquainted" with her father's and aunts' "black mammy" (Anarchy) whom they loved dearly; also the seamstress (Kitty), and the carriage-driver (Joe)--all her "good friends," but, of course, all had been freed many years before the writer was born.

The writer spent the first four years of her life at her grandfather's plantation, "Oakwood," and recalls many little things and incidences, such as, the original old smokehouse (still standing!); the large oak grove; the "far spring"; the "near spring"; the hawks catching the chickens; the cat opening the kitchen door by pulling the latch-string; the snake that swallowed a nest full of eggs and "Aunt Sue" reaching in for the eggs touched the snake!! In particular, she remembers the rides to Oxford, five miles from the plantation, in the buggy, and the 22-year old pet horse, "Zoe", which often shied and backed when frightened, once pitching her little brother, Neil, over the footboard; however, he was rescued by "Aunt Sue" who pulled him back by the seat of his pants!

The writer also remembers some of the neighbors who lived nearby, and her father playing the "fiddle" with other "musicians" of the neighborhood. They would always pat their feet!

WILL OF HENRY JONES ROBARDS

May 31, 1868

From Record of Will Book of Granville County No. 23, p. 327.

State of North Carolina
Granville County.

After my death, it is my will and desire that my beloved wife Agnes shall have and hold and possess all my property of every kind, real and personal, and I hereby give and bequeath to her all rights, title to and interest in the tract of land on which I now reside and all my interest in a tract of land lying in the waters of Beaver Dam creek in Goochland County, Virginia, and I furthermore give to my said Agnes (Hatchett) all of my stock of horses, cows and hogs, household and kitchen furniture and all Bonds and accounts due me and all other property I may own at my death, to be hers forever to dispose of as she may choose. I hereby appoint my said wife, Agnes, my sole Executrix. She not to give security for her executrix. This is my last Will and Testament.

I hereby revoke and anul all former Wills and Testaments made by me, declaring this to be my only last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal this 31 day of May, A.D. 1868.

Henry Jones Robards (Seal)

Test.

North Carolina)	In the Probate Court
Granville County)	Feb. 11, 1879 A.D.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Jones Robards, deceased, is exhibited before me, by R. A. Jenkins one of the witnesses and it is thereupon proved by the oath and assumption of John E. Haithcock that the said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Henry J. Robards after his death and it is further proved by the oath and assumption of 3 competent and credible witnesses to wit: John E. Haithcock, M. L. Barker and R. A. Jenkins that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Henry J. Robards and verily believe that the name of said Henry J. Robards subscribed to the said Will, and said Will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said Henry J. Robards and it is further proved by the evidence of the 3 last mentioned witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintences of the said Henry J. Robards. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Henry J. Robards and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Thos. D. Clement
Judge and Probate

WATKINS

(From "A Catalogue of the Descendants of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony,"
by Francis N. Watkins of Prince Edward County, Virginia. (1899)

The Watkins family is said to be descended from Twydac or Tyndac Gloff (Chief) of the old Cymry-Welsh stock. They have been established in Wales for many centuries as considerable land owners and members of the liberal professions. A tradition is that they were tray-makers. The earliest record seems to be that of James Watkins, one of the emigrants on the "Phoenix" about the year 1607 or 08. (Smith's History of Va. p. 172.) He seemed to have generally accompanied Captain John Smith in his adventures and voyages of discovery of the "Chisapeak Bay" and elsewhere. A tradition in that the Watkins descended from three brothers, Henry, Daniel (Cashier for the Va. Company) and Perigren (on the "George" 1621, age 24.)

Dr. Foote, in his "Sketches of Va." p. 138, refers to a presentment made in 1743 by the Grand Jury of the then General Court of Va., of one, "Thomas Watkins, son of Edward Watkins, of the parish and County of Henrico, for reflecting on the Established Religion." It may be that early records of the General Court, or some of the Courts of the Eastern counties, may reveal to us whether or not this Edward was the grandfather of THOMAS WATKINS OF CHICKAHOMONY. Our common Watkins ancestor is:

I. THOMAS WATKINS of Swift Creek, in Powhatan Co., Virginia, then Cumberland County, in his Will bearing date of March 1760, recorded in the June term of the County Court of Cumberland of the same year, mentions children as follows:

- II. Susannah Woodson
- II. Mary Woodson
- II. THOMAS WATKINS, Jr. OF CHICKAHOMONY
- II. Elizabeth Daniel
- II. Stephen Watkins
- II. Jean Watkins, a daughter
- II. Joel Watkins (one of the Executors of the Will)
- II. Benjamin Watkins

II. THOMAS WATKINS OF CHICKAMONY, m. FRANCES ANDERSON, sister of Clairborne Anderson of Chesterfield. Thomas Watkins was a man of high respectability in every point of view, and in particular, a man of most indefatigable industry. He reared a large family of children--four sons and seven daughters--with limited means. . . He resided near Bottom Bridge. Died 1783. Children:

- III. Henry Watkins (d.1798) m. Temperance Hughes.
 - III. * FRANCIS WATKINS of Poplar Hill (d.1826) m. AGNES WOODSON. EXHIBIT H(a).
 - III. * JOEL WATKINS of Charlotte Co., Va. m. AGNES MORTON. EXHIBIT H(c).
 - III. Thomas Watkins, Jr. of Powhatan m. Sallie (?). She m. 2nd. Morris of Ky.
 - III. * BETSY WATKINS m. NATHANIEL MASSIE of Goochland. EXHIBIT H(d). Also p.18.
- (continued on next page--H(a).)

* These are to be continued to tie in with the present generation of the writer's branch of the ROBARDS family.

Watkins (continued)

- III. Susanna Watkins m. Col. William Morton 1763
 III. Sally Watkins m. John Spencer
 III. Mary Watkins m. Stephen Pankey
 III. Nancy Watkins m. Smith Blakey
 III. *Jane* Jan Watkins m. Charles Hundley
 III. Prudence Watkins m. William Royster of Goochland (11 children)
 (See pp. 27-28 of this book for ROYSTER.)

III. FRANCIS WATKINS of Poplar Hill, Prince Edward Co., Va. married AGNES WOODSON, daughter of Richard Woodson and Nannie Micheaux, a woman of Huguenot celebrity. (See WOODSON, MICHEAUX, ROCHETTE.) Francis Watkins at an early age received training in the office of his uncle, Benjamin Watkins, the first clerk of Chesterfield, which qualified him for the offices of deputy sheriff of Chesterfield; deputy to Mr. J. LeNeve (the first clerk of Prince Edward County), and later clerk of the County, District and Circuit courts, for a period of 42 years. He resigned office in 1825, and died 1826. Many judges and lawyers, some of eminence, who attended the sessions of the Court at Prince Edward County, were his friends and frequent guests, among them Col. Patrick Henry. He was held in high esteem for his sound judgment, great integrity, industry and benevolence.

His wife, Agnes, was a remarkable woman of undoubted genius. This narrative could be extended far beyond the limits as told, with authentic anecdotes by the old people of that day, of the great ingenuity of Mrs. Watkins as displayed in her original calico prints (in advance of her age); of her silk manufactures of the loom made by her directions, and of her home-made gamut for teaching her daughters the elementary principles of music. She, too, was as firm and daring in action as she was bold and original in thought. A deserter from General Tarlton's forces at Moore's Orginary, in the uniform of, and supposed by her to be, a British soldier, attempted to frighten her on one occasion. He soon found that by flight alone would he escape the fire of her rifle, in the use of which she was practiced and skillful. She died about 1820.

Francis Watkins and wife Agnes lived for the whole of their long and happy married lives at Poplar Hill, later the residence of their grandson, Francis P. Wood. Their children were:

- IV. Richard Watkins m. Mrs. Catherine Jones
 IV. Elizabeth Watkins m. Judge Joseph Venable of Kentucky
 IV. Agnes Watkins m. Dr. David Flournoy of Prince Edward Co.
 IV. Francis Watkins m. Ann Haskins (They lived in Alabama.)
 IV. Benjamin Watkins of Ben Lomond
 IV. Henry E. Watkins m. Agnes Venable (dau. of Col. Sam Venable.)
 IV. * JOSEPH WATKINS of Ben Lomond m. RUTH HUNT
 (continued on next page)

Watkins (continued)

- IV. Selena A. Watkins m. S. L. Lockett of Mecklinburg, Va. (Their dau. Selena Lockett m. Geo. Robards of Ala., son of William Robards. See p. 24 of this book)
- IV. Frances A. Watkins m. James D. Wood of Prince Edward Co. (Their dau. Susan Wood m. Rev. M.D. Hoge of Richmond. Chil: Bessy Lucy Hoge Mary Rochette Hoge
*(Note: Rev.M.D. Hoge must have been married twice, as the widow of Dr JOSEPH WATKINS of Ben Lomond, nee Ruth Hunt, m. 2nd Rev. Dr. Moses Hoge, which seems to the writer to be the same Rev. Hoge.)
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- IV. DR. JOSEPH WATKINS of "Ben Lomond," Goochland Co., Va. married RUTH HUNT, daughter of William P. Hunt and wife, Susannah Watkins. They had the four following children: *(Ruth Hunt Watkins, widow of Dr. Joseph Watkins m. 2nd Rev. Dr. Moses Hoge - no children.) See EXHIBIT H (c).
- V. Josephine Watkins m. Dr. Joel Watkins of Charlotte Co. (son of Henry A. Watkins and Nancy Edmunds).
- V. Bettie Watkins m. Dr. Horace Robards (brother of William). Their daughter Anna Keeling Robards m. a Mr. Roberts. (See Exhibit F & p. 26.)
- V. SUSAN ANDERSON WATKINS m. WILLIAM HENDERSON ROBARDS, Jr.
(See ROBARDS, p. 34 of this book, and Exhibit F.)
(These are the grandparents of the writer.)
- V. Dr. Francis B. Watkins m. Mary Ellfreth of Philadelphia. Chil: Ruth J. and Ella C. Watkins (twins)
Ellfreth Watkins

Note: The writer has a photograph of her "very handsome" great-uncle "Frank", and remembers hearing of Ruth and Ella through her father and aunts. It seems that Dr. Lacy, former minister of the Presbyterian Church in Oxford, N. C., was descendant of one of these twins; however, this is not confirmed, but worth looking into, if desired.

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Watkins (continued)

III. JOEL WATKINS of Woodfork, near Charlotte Court House, Va., married AGNES MORTON, sister of Col. William Morton. Among papers of Hon. John Randolph, one was found reading as follows: "On Sunday, the 2nd day of Jan., departed this life, at an advanced age, beloved, honored and lamented by all who knew him, Col. Joel Watkins of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia. . . If, as we are assured that peacemakers are blessed, who shall feel stronger assurance of bliss than must have smoothed this old man's passage to an unknown world." Another friend said of him: "He was remarkable for plainness, benevolence and integrity, a pattern of industry, one of the kindest of friends--the friend of the friendless, one who comforted the widow in affliction, the father to the orphan, a friend to the poor, the adviser of youth, without an enemy, and his death mourned by all." Children:

IV. Polly W. Watkins m. John Dupuy
IV. * SUSANNAH WATKINS m. WILLIAM P. HUNT of Baltimore
IV. Henry A. Watkins m. Nancy Edmunds
IV. William A. Watkins m. Elizabeth W. Venable (dau. of S.W.V.)
IV. Jane Watkins m. 1st Thomas Poage
2nd Col. Clement Carrington, Charlotte
NOTE: These may be the ancestors of
Mrs. John R. Lawson, Oxford, N.C.

IV. * SUSANNAH WATKINS m. WILLIAM P. HUNT of Baltimore. Children:
V. James Hunt m. Betsey Bibb (Had a son, John J. Hunt.)
V. Rev. Thomas P. Hunt m. Ann M. Field of Pa. Children:
VI. Susan C. Hunt (Note: The writer remembers her aunts, Sue and Bet, corresponding with "Cousin Sue Hunt," and the lovely photograph they had of her. The writer still has a doll-- "Dollie Dimple"--"Cousin Sue" sent her.)

VI. Ann M. Hunt
VI. Ruth Hunt
VI. Lucy F. Hunt
VI. Betsy W. Hunt

V. RUTH HUNT m. 1st. DR. JOSEPH WATKINS of Ben Lomond, EXHIBIT H(b)
2nd. Rev. D.Moses Hoge (the source of the writer's middle name).

Children of RUTH HUNT and DR. JOSEPH WATKINS are:

VI. Josephine Watkins m. Dr. Joel Watkins
VI. Dr. Francis B. Watkins m. Mary Ellfreth of Phila.
VI. Bettie Watkins m. Dr. Horace Robards (bro. of William)
VI. SUSAN A. WATKINS m. WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr. (bro. of Horace)
(See Page 34 and Exhibit F.)

Note: See Exhibits H - H(a) - H(b) - H(c) - H(d) for intermarriages of the Watkins family into the families of WOODSON, HUNT, MORTON, MASSIE, WATKINS and ROBARDS.

WATKINS-MASSIE-ROBARDS

III. BETSY WATKINS, supposed to be the oldest of the daughters of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony, married NATHANIEL MASSIE of Goochland Co., Va. Nathaniel Massie was a most respected gentleman of high character who manifested in the early and eventful period of this country's history great patriotism. He held an office in the Revolutionary army, ranking as Colonel. Some of his descendants have attained eminence in Ohio and the West.

IV. * Their daughter, Mary Massie m. James Robards Dec. 2, 1744. They are the progenitors of the Robards family in North Carolina. (See ROBARDS, p. 18 of this book. Also Exhibit C.) See Exhibit D for Will of Nathaniel Massie, and see p. 14 for the Will of William Robards (father of James).

MASSIE

Through his father, Charles Massie of New Kent County, Va. who was born in Cheshire England and married Miss Macon, Nathaniel Massie was a lineal descendant of the Massies of Cheshire seated at Coggington. The celebrated General Massie, so distinguished in the early civil war in England, was the son of John Massie of Coddington, and wife, Ann Grosvenor of Eaton. From this family came Charles Massie to Virginia. (Va. Mag. of History and Americans of Gentle Birth, p. 305.) (For MASSIE GENEALOGY, see Wm. & Mary Quarterly XV, p. 128.) (The writer hopes to trace this line at some later date.)

III. Major NATHANIEL MASSIE b. Aug. 1727 in New Kent Co., Va., m. ELIZABETH (Betsy) WATKINS, eldest daughter of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony, Va. She died before 1776. Nathaniel Massie married 2nd. Ann Clarke on Aug. 24, 1776. He died May 1, 1802. (See his Will, Exhibit D.)

Children of Nathaniel Massie and Betsy Watkins were:

- IV. * MARY MASSIE m. Dec. 2, 1774 JAMES ROBARDS (See p. 18.)
- IV. Elizabeth m. Thomas Massie
- IV. ** Nathaniel Massie, Jr. m. 1802 Susan Meade of Kentucky (see below)
- IV. Constance Miller
- IV. Gideon

Children of Nathaniel Massie and his 2nd wife, Ann Clark, were:

- IV. Rebecca b. Aug. 28, 1777
- IV. Ann b. Mar. 5, 1779
- IV. Sarah b. May 17, 1781
- IV. Patsy
- IV. Charlotte
- IV. Ginney

Note: The writer failed to make notation of source of information on the above dates of birth -- probably from "Douglas Register."

** Note: From p. 305 of "Americans of Gentle Births" -- Nathaniel Massie, Jr. served in the Revolutionary War while a boy, and at age 20 emigrated to Kentucky where he became an expert surveyor and made the first settlement in the "Virginia Reservations." In the spring of 1775, he, with a party of 60, settled the town of Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1807, having held several civil offices in the State, he was elected governor, but declined to serve. His son, Henry Massie of Chillicothe m. Susan Burton Thompson, granddaughter of Capt. George Robards and wife, Elizabeth Barbara Sampson. Their son, David Meade Massie, lawyer in Columbus, Ohio. (See p. 8 of this book for this connection.)

This is a chart showing how the writer's branch of the ROBARDS family ties in with their ancestor, Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony.

In the first column, through their ancestress, Agnes Woodson, it shows the tie-in with the families of WOODSON, MICHEAUX, ROCHETTE (and Ferris, probably same as Farrior! See Exhibit L for FERRIS.)

Children of Thomas Watkins of Chickahomony and wife, Frances Anderson, who are the ancestors of the writer as follows:

<p><u>Son:</u> FRANCIS WATKINS m. AGNES WOODSON (daughter of Ann Micheaux and Richard Woodson.) <u>Exhibit H(a)</u></p>	<p><u>Son:</u> JOEL WATKINS m. AGNES MORTON <u>Exhibit H(c)</u></p> <p><u>Daughter:</u> SUSANNAH WATKINS m. WILLIAM P. HUNT <u>Exhibit H(c)</u></p>	<p><u>Daughter:</u> BETSY WATKINS m. NATHANIEL MASSIE <u>Exhibit H(d)</u></p> <p><u>Daughter:</u> MARY MASSIE m. JAMES ROBARDS <u>Exhibit H(d)</u> and <u>Page 18</u></p>
<p><u>Son:</u> DR. JOSEPH WATKINS m. RUTH HUNT (his cousin) <u>Exhibits H(b) and H(c)</u></p>	<p><u>Daughter:</u> RUTH HUNT m. DR. JOSEPH WATKINS 1st (Dr. Moses Hoge 2nd) <u>Exhibits H(c) and H(b)</u></p>	<p><u>Son:</u> WILLIAM ROBARDS, Sr. m. ANN SATTERWHITE <u>Page 23</u></p>
<p><u>Daughter:</u> SUSAN A. WATKINS m. WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr. <u>Page 34</u></p>	<p><u>Daughter:</u> SUSAN A. WATKINS m. WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr. (cousins three ways)</p>	<p><u>Son:</u> WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr. m. SUSAN A. WATKINS <u>Page 34</u></p>
<p>(grandparents of the writer and her brothers) See <u>Exhibits H(b), H(c), H(d)</u> and <u>Page 34</u> et seq., for continuation of this branch of the ROBARDS FAMILY</p>		
		<p><u>Son:</u> HENRY JONES ROBARDS m. MARY ELLEN HUMPHRIES</p>
		<p><u>Son:</u> HENRY WATKINS ROBARDS m. SYBLE TARRANT</p>
		<p><u>Sons</u> HENRY W. ROBARDS, Jr. WILLIAM T. ROBARDS JAMES W. ROBARDS JOHN H. ROBARDS</p>
		<p>These are the only sons left to perpetuate the name of <u>Robards</u> in this branch of the Robards family.</p>

WOODSON

(From *Americans of Gentle Birth*, pp. 342 et seq.)

I. DR. JOHN WOODSON, the emigrant, ancestor of this large and influential family, which has produced so many distinguished men, was among the early founders of the Virginia colony. He came over to Virginia on the ship "George" in 1619, as surgeon to a company of British soldiers. He was of English origin, the name spelled Woodeson, not unlikely a corruption of the Saxon name Wodeson. The arms would indicate that they belonged to the Woodesons now seated in Devonshire.

The progenitor of this family, Dr. John Woodson, was a native of Dorsetshire and brought with him to this country his wife (name unknown). They settled at "Fleur de Hundred," where probably their two sons JOHN and ROBERT were born.

Dr. John Woodson's wife was a brave pioneer woman. In the absence of her husband one day, aided by a shoemaker, Robert Ligan, she resisted an attack by the Indians, killing nine. She loaded the gun while Ligan fired, and hearing a noise up the chimney, she threw her bed upon the coals, the stiffling smoke bringing two Indians down, whom she dispatched. Her sons, hidden in the potato hole, were saved. The old gun then used is still in the possession of the Prince Edward County Woodsons. (Record, p. 342.) In 1644, Dr. Woodson was called from his home and massacred by the Indians.

Their sons married early, and their children married, and have continued to marry, into the families of the leading colonists of that day, among them being: Anderson, Bates, Branch, Breckenridge, Cabell, Cannon, Carrington, Cheedle, Christian, Cocke, Cooke, Cox, de Groffenried, Ellyson, Farrar, Ferris, Flemming, Goode, Harris, Hatcher, Hughes, Isham, Jefferson, Letcher, Lewis, Luddington, Macon, Miller, Moreton, Mosely, Murry, Netherland, Parsons, Payne, Pierce, Porter, Povall, Price, Pryor, Railey, Randolph, ROBARDS, Royall, Sampson, Sanburne, Scott, Smith, Tarleton, Terrill, Trent, Tucker, Turpin, Van de Veer, Venable, Watkins, Williamson, and the families of DuPuy, La Villian, MICHEAUX, ROCHETTE, Salle, Saurin, French Huguenots.

II. John Woodson, first son of Dr. John Woodson, m. Mary Tucker, daughter of Samuel Tucker, Master of the Ship "Pinetree" (or Vinetree). They had three sons, the oldest being,

III. Joseph Woodson m. Mary Sanburne. One of their sons,

IV. Sanburne Woodson m. Elizabeth Micheaux, daughter of Susanne Rochette and Abram Micheaux (Huguenots).
(See Micheaux and Rochette, EXHIBITS J and K.)

II. ROBERT WOODSON, the second son of Dr. John Woodson, married ELIZABETH FERRIS, daughter of Richard Ferris of "Curles", Henrico County, later the seat of the Randolph family in Virginia. She was a descendant of the De Ferriers of Leichestershire, England, founded by Henry De Ferriers, son of Gualchelme De Ferriers, Master of House of the Duke of Normandy. (See "American Ancestry," Vol. 9, p. 207; "Americans of Gentle Birth," pp 358-59; EXHIBIT L of this book.) Children of Robert Woodson and

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Elizabeth Ferris are as follows:

- III. John Woodson, eldest son, m. Judith Tarleton
- III. * RICHARD WOODSON m. ANN SMITH (line to Watkins-Robards m. 1835)
- III. Robert Woodson m. 1st Sarah Lewis
2nd Rachel Watkins
- III. Joseph Woodson m. his cousin Mary Woodson, daughter of
John Woodson and Mary Tucker
- III. Benjamin Woodson m. Sarah Porter
- III. Sarah Woodson m. Edward Mosley
- III. Elizabeth Woodson m. William Lewis (line to Lewis-Robards m. 1758)
- III. Mary Woodson m. George Payne
- III. Judith Woodson m. William Cannon

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- III. * RICHARD WOODSON m. ANN SMITH, daughter of Obadiah Smith, Sr. of Henrico Co. (d. 1746) and his wife, Mary Cocke (b. 1690; d. 1754). (See 4V-86 for Genealogy of the Cocke Family of Va. See 3V-411 for Flower genealogy. Mary Cocke's parents were Sarah Flower of James City Co. and William Cocke. William Cocke's parents were Lt. Col. Richard Cocke (1600-1665) and wife Mary Aston whom he married in 1646. See 3V-401 for Aston.) Note: The above info. received from John Bullock Watkins, Jr. of Henderson, N. C.--not yet confirmed by the writer, but worth looking into....

Their children:

- IV. * RICHARD WOODSON (called "Baron Woodson" because of his vast possessions and influence) m. ANNE MICHEAUX (daughter of Abraham Micheaux and Susanna Rochette, "The Little Night Cap", Huguenot refugees. (See MICHEAUX-ROCHETTE, Exhibit J and Exhibit K, including copies of their Wills.)
- IV. Obadiah Woodson, a Captain under Gen. Washington in the Indian War m. Constance Watkins, descendant of Thomas Watkins of Swift Creek.
- IV. John Woodson m. a Miss Anderson, daughter of Thomas Anderson of Henrico Co.
- IV. Judith Woodson m. Jacob Micheaux, son of Abraham Mischeaux and Susanna Rochette, called "The Little Night Cap."
- IV. Mary Woodson m. Richard Truman.
- IV. Agnes Woodson m. Joseph Morton.
- IV. Elizabeth Woodson m. 1st Thomas Morton and had many descendants.

* See next page for RICHARD WOODSON (called "Baron") and wife ANN MICHEAUX which tie in with WATKINS-ROBARDS.

Woodson (continued)

- IV. RICHARD WOODSON m. ANN MICHEAUX. Their daughter
- V. AGNES M. WOODSON m. FRANCIS WATKINS of "Poplar Hill." Son,
- VI. JOSEPH WATKINS of "Ben Lomond" m. RUTH HUNT. Daughter,
- VII. SUSAN A. WATKINS m. (1835) WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr.
(grandparents of the writer)

See ROBARDS, p. 34 of this book.

See WATKINS, Exhibits H, H(a), H(b), H(c), and H(d).

Another daughter of Richard Woodson and Ann Micheaux was

- V. * Elizabeth Woodson m. Nathaniel Venable. Their children
- VI. Col. Samuel Woodson Venable
- VI. Richard N. Venable, Member of Va. Convention 1829-30
- VI. Abraham B. Venable, U. S. Senator and
Congressman for North Carolina
- VI. ** Elizabeth W. Venable m. Dr. Goodridge Wilson. They had a
- VII. son: Charles W. Wilson, prominent lawyer of
Liberty, Missouri,

Note: * Mrs. Bessie Venable Southerland, former resident of Oxford, N. C., was a descendant of Elizabeth Woodson and Nathaniel Venable. Her children: Thomas J. Southerland and Grace Southerland (Mrs. George Allen), of Atlanta, Ga.

Note: ** The Goodridge Wilson family of "Somerset", near Stovall, N.C. are the descendants of Elizabeth Venable and Dr. Goodridge Wilson.

Both of the above families (* and **) have always been good friends of the writer, and we always called each other "cousin". All tie in with WATKINS, WOODSON, MICHEAUX and ROCHETTE, our favorite little ancestor being Susanna Rochette, called "The Little Night Cap." (See ROCHETTE, Exhibit K.) (Story of "The Little Night Cap" can be found in "The Huguenot," publication No. 6 (1933) Page 174--corrections made in No. 8.)

MICHEAUX

I. ABRAHAM MICHEAUX was born in Cadent (or Sedan), France in 1672. A French Huguenot, he fled to Amsterdam, Holland, where he married, July 13, 1692, SUSANNA ROCHETTE, daughter of Moise (Jean) Rochette and his wife, who was a SAURIN (Exhibit J(a) on next page), all being Huguenot refugees. The baptism records of four of their children are preserved in the French Huguenot Church of Amsterdam, viz., Anne, Jean, Isac and James.

Abraham Micheaux left Holland and went to London "8 Mai 1701," thence, he emigrated to Virginia and was one of the settlers at Manakin Town in Stafford County. His Will is probated in Henrico Co., Va., Aug. 5, 1717. See Exhibit J(b). His wife's Will is probated in Goochland Co., Va., Dec. 17, 1744. See ROCHETTE under Exhibit K. Children mentioned in his Will are:

II. Jacob Micheaux m. Judith Woodson, sister of Richard Woodson.

II. John Micheaux)
II. John Paul Micheaux) These may be the same!

"Three eldest daughters"--

II. Anne Micheaux

II. Jean Magdolin Micheaux m. Pierre Legrand

II. Susanne Micheaux

II. Olive Judi Micheaux, another daughter

"Three youngest daughters"--

II. Elizabeth Micheaux

II. Esta Mary Micheaux

II. ANNE MADLIN MICHEAUX (b. 1710) m. RICHARD WOODSON, known as "Baron Woodson."

See Exhibit I(a) & Exhibit I(b). Daughter:

III. AGNES M. WOODSON m. FRANCIS WATKINS of "Poplar Hill," Va.

See Exhibit H(a) and I(b). Their sons:

IV. JOSEPH WATKINS of "Ben Lomond," m. RUTH HUNT. See Exhibit H(a), Exhibits H(b), and H(c). Their daughter:

V. SUSAN A. WATKINS m. (1835) WILLIAM H. ROBARDS, Jr.
(grandparents of the writer)

See Exhibit H(b) and Page 34 of this book.

These Micheaux women are among the few who stand out from their time and are not to be chronicled simply as "wives of so-and-so." Daughters of Huguenot refugees from France via Holland, they were a numerous and powerful influence in the development of Southside Virginia. Indomitable, resourceful, intensely and unswervingly Calvinist, inventive, educated, entertaining, and even while poverty-stricken exiles in the wilderness, they were artists. The solid young planters who married them could count themselves blest. Their forces for character changed the social physiognomy of a whole countryside, for their children were numerous and their blood mingles with that of many states. They intermarried with Woodsons, Venables, Mortons, Watkins, Flournoys, Carringtons and many others.

Note: The above information was obtained from the following sources:

"Reads and Their Relations," by Alice Read Rouse, p. 448.

"The Huguenot," Publication No. 6 (1933) p. 174, by the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Va.

"Americans of Gentle Birth and Their Ancestors," a Genealogical Encyclopedia, Vol. I.

MICHEAUX - ROCHETTE - SAURIN

From: "Americans of Gentle Birth."

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"Prominent among the Huguenot refugees were the SAURINS, protestant ministers, one of whom, M. Saurin, drew crowds by his eloquence to the French Church of the Savoy in the Strand, London, 1703. The other brother, Jacques, for 25 years electrified the crowds, who went to the Temple of The Hague to hear him." (Weiss).

When they escaped from Paris, they were accompanied by their nephews, the MICHEAUX, who joined the Huguenot refugees on the James River, in Virginia. A prayer book, with this note inscribed in French on the blank page, "M. Saurin, minister, has sent this book to his nephew, Abraham Micheaux, in America", was presented by Bishop Meade to the Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

Abraham Micheaux came to Virginia about 1700, with his wife, Susanne Rochette. (Note: Susanne's mother was a Saurin. See ROCHETTE, Exhibit K.) She was the youngest of three daughters from Sedan, France. The two eldest were sent to Amsterdam with friends, and Susanne was afterward forwarded to her sisters concealed in a hogshead committed to the care of a friendly sea captain. She was known as the "Little Night Cap" -- a brand of wine labeled on the hogshead. (See "The Huguenot" No. 6.)

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Of the Saurins, Smiles says: "Jacques Saurin was the greatest of the Protestant preachers. He was the son of an advocate at Nismes, where three sons all took refuge in England after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Jacques, the pulpit orator, Capt. Saurin, an officer in King William's army, and Louis, sometime minister to the French Church of the Savoy, and afterward Dean of St. Patrick, Arclaugh.

From Louis were lineally descended the Rt. Rev. James Saurin, Bishop of Dromore, and the Hon. William Saurin, Attorney-General of Ireland from 1807 to 1821.

(From: "The Huguenot", p. 174. Publication No. 6 (1933).
by the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in
the Colony of Virginia. This Will was contributed by
Miss Maude Kearney Lane (Tennessee Society Branch)
1968 Cowden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.)

WILL OF ABRAHAM MICHEAUX

May 13, 1727

In the name of God, Amen. I, Abraham Micheaux, being born in the city of Sedan, France, 1672, now of Virginia, in the County of Henrico, being in a very weak and sick condition, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praise to Almighty God, do inscribe this my last Will and testament in manner and form as follows:

First, I will that all my debts and funeral charges be discharged.

Item. I give unto my son, Jacob Micheaux, 200 acres of a tract of land I now live on, to be laid off at the upper end thereof, to have and to hold, to him and to his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son, John Micheaux, 100 acres of the same tract of land joining Jacob, to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my loving wife Susanne, the plantation of which I now live with 100 acres of land during this natural life, and then return to my son John Paul Micheaux, to have and to hold, and to his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my three eldest daughters, Anne, Jane Magdaline, and Susanne, 300 acres of the aforementioned land to be laid off at the lower end equally divided between them, to have and to hold, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Olive Judi, the remaining part of the aforementioned plantation to have and to hold, and to her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my loving wife, Susanne, my land and plantation at Manakin Town containing 233 acres with all appurtenances hereinto belonging, during her natural life, with privilege to make sale of same, to purchase slaves, at which after her decease, is to return to my three youngest daughters, Elizabeth, Anne Madlin and Esta Mary, to them and their heirs forever.

All the residue of my personal estate, goods and chattels whatsoever, I do give and bequeath to my loving wife, Susanne, who with my son, Jacob, I appoint full and sole Executrix and Executor of this last Will and Testament, and I leave my Executors in full power to sell the above said plantation at Manakin Town and make undoubted rite or fee, as witness my hand and seal this 13 day of May 1717.

Abe Micheaux (Seal)

Witness: John Atkinson, Stephen Hughes,
Bartholomew Cox.

Will was proved August 5, 1717 - William Randolph, Clerk.

ROCHETTE

I. SUSANNA ROCHETTE m. ABRAHAM MICHEAUX in Holland, July 13, 1692, both being French Huguenots who had taken refuge in Holland. They went to London "8 Mai 1701," and embarked for America with six children, four of them (Anne, Jean, Isac, James), having baptismal records in the French Huguenot Church of Amsterdam. They landed in Stafford County, Virginia, on the banks of the Potomac River. In a few years they moved to the settlement of Huguenots called "Manakin Town," on the James River where they reared their twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. See MICHEAUX, Exhibit J, and Exhibit J(b) for the Will of Abraham Micheaux. The Will of Susanne Rochette, Exhibit K(a).

Susanna Rochette's father was Moise Jean Rochette, a professor of a Protestant college in Sedan. His wife was a Saurin. (See Exhibit J(a) for MICHEAUX - ROCHETTE - SAURIN.) Also see MICHEAUX, Exhibit J; WOODSON, Exhibits I(a) and I(b); WATKINS, Exhibits H(a), H(b) and H(c), all of which tie in with ROBARDS, page 34 of this book.

On page 113, Vol. 6 of The Huguenot, is the "Story of the Little Night Cap," by Rev. W. D. Morton, Rocky Mount, N. C. (Page 170 of Vol. 8 of "The Huguenot," makes a slight correction...) This story is highly prized by the Micheaux descendants, and the writer has heard the story all her life which is told here from memory:

The Little Night Cap

Susanna Rochette's home was on the winding banks of the Meuse River, 130 miles northeast of Paris, in the beautiful city of Sedan, France--the same place where Louis Napoleon surrendered to the Prussian Army in 1870.

Her father, Jean Rochette, was a professor of a Protestant college in Sedan. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and during the persecution of the Huguenots, children were forbidden to leave France and were forced to attend Catholic schools and churches. However, Susanna's two older sisters had succeeded in escaping to Holland and wrote their father to send to them their little sister, Susanna.

One night when all was quiet, Susanna started with one of her cousins and baby, who were also trying to escape. They stumbled on some rocks in crossing a stream and the baby cried. This aroused the soldier on guard nearby and they were captured and taken to prison. Susanna's father was allowed to take her back to Sedan where she remained until she made her final escape.

Jean Rochette arranged with a friendly sea captain to take his little daughter, Sussana, across the English Channel to Holland where she was to join her sisters. He carefully packed little Susanna in a hogshead, labeled "Night Cap" (a brand of wine), and got her aboard the vessel. After they got out to sea where all was well, the captain took the little girl out of the barrel. She was ever afterwards known as "The Little Night Cap."

One of Susanne's sisters seems to have gone to Australia and the other married and went to the West Indies.

From "The Huguenot", Vol. 6, p. 175:

WILL OF SUSANNE ROCHETTE MICHEAUX

22 March 1740

In God, Amen, I Susanne Micheaux, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form as followeth:

I will that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned.

Item. I give to my loving son John Paul Micheaux the plantation whereon I now live, bequeathed to me by my deceased husband, Abraham Micheaux, containing 100 acres, same to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my said son, John Paul Micheaux, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, to what nature or kind whatsoever.

Last, I constitute and appoint my loving son, John Paul Micheaux, whole and sole Executor of my last Will and Testament and that it is my desire that my estate shall not be appraised.

In witness hereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this 22 day of March 1740.

(Signed) SUSANNE MICHEAUX (Seal)

Sealed and signed in the presence of us:
John Flournoy, Wade E. Netherland,
Anthony Morgan.

Proved December 17, 1744.

(Contributed by Miss Maude Kearney Lane, Tennessee Society Branch, Huguenot Society, 1968 Cowden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.)
See Will of Abraham Micheaux in Exhibit J(b)

Note: In this same Vol. 6 of "The Huguenot", there is found a "List of Ye Refugees", pp 78-83 which mentions the names of Micheaux - Rochet - Robard - Watkins - Masset(Massey) Ferrier - Henly - Martin - Boisseau - Guerrant and many others!

FERRIS 1/

I. RICHARD FERRIS (or Ferrers), seated at "Curles" the latter part of 1600, was issued from an ancient Norman family, Henry de Ferriers of Gascony, which, in the XVII century, intermarried with the Laurence Washington family, ascendants of George Washington, first President of the United States. 1/

II. ELIZABETH FERRIS, daughter of Richard Ferris, married ROBERT WOODSON, second son of Dr. John Woodson, the emigrant. (See Exhibit I.) (This ties in with WOODSON, WATKINS and ROBARDS.)

In "American Ancestry," Vol. VII, is found a pedigree of John Ferris, born 1637, who settled in West Chester, New York, and has many descendants in this country: "The Ferris family was originally from Leicestershire, England, descended from Henri de Ferriers, son of Gwalchelme de Ferriers, Master of Horse to the Duke of Normandy." Upon the Battle Abbey Roll is found the name of Henri de Ferriers.

The first of the Virginia branch came to this country in 1619. It is known that Nicholas Farrar (or Ferrer), a distinguished member of the Virginia Company in London, married Mary Wodenworth, of an old Cheshire family, and had, among other children, Nicolas Ferrer (or Farrar) b. 1593, educated at Cambridge, took B.A. degree 1610. Traveled in the Princess Elizabeth's suite; emigrated to Virginia in 1619. He had a brother Richard, b. 1596, who died before 1637, leaving two sons, WILLIAM and JOHN, ancestors of the large family now known as Farrars.

There is a family tradition that Richard Ferris (or Ferrers), father of Elizabeth, who married Robert Woodson, was the brother of Nicholas (b.1596). He might have been a son of Nicholas, or John, or Richard, brothers of William the Barrister, ancestor of the Farrars. As there is no date given of the marriage of Elizabeth to Robert Woodson, her father may have been either a brother or nephew of William. The name Ferris is an easy corruption of Ferrers, and the fact that both FARRAR and FERRIS intermarried with the Woodsons, supports the theory that any are of the same ancestry. Probably, it was through this family that John Washington came to this country, as the Ferrers intermarried with the Laurence Washington family about the middle of the XVI century.

FARRAR 1/

I. Nicholas Farrar (or Ferrer), ancestor of American branch, b. 1546, was issued from the Yorkshire Ferrars and nearly allied to Robert Ferrar, Bishop of St. David's, who suffered martyrdom 1555. Nicholas Farrar was a distinguished member of the Virginia Company; married Mary Wodenorth, of an old Cheshire family, and had the following children:
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Farrar (continued)

- II. Susannah Farrar m. Thomas Collet
- II. John Farrar (b. 1590), Treas. of Va. Co., m. Bathesheba Owen.
- II. Erasmus Farrar (b. 1591)
- II. Nicholas Farrar (b. 1593), Treas. of Va. Co., and Member of Parliament.
- II. Richard Farrar (b. 1596)
- II. William Farrar, a barrister, who was in Virginia 1621; M.C. 1627-33; Justice of Charles City and Henrico. Died before 1637, leaving two sons, William and John, who held prominent colonial offices: Justices, Sheriffs and Burgesses. No family rendered greater services to the infant colony than the Farrars. (Va. His. Mag. Vol. 1, p. 419.) His sons,
- III. Lt. Col. John Farrar, Justice, Sheriff and Burgess, 1680-84, died unmarried.
- III. Col. William Farrar, Justice of Henrico, Burgess 1662-66, m. Mary _____; died 1677. They had issue:
- IV. Maj. William Farrar of Henrico, Sheriff, Burgess, 1700-02, m. 1st, Pricilla Baugh, daughter of William Baugh; 2nd Mary, widow of William Lygan. Children of Maj. William Farrar and 1st wife, Priscilla Baugh:
- V. William Farrar
- V. Abel Farrar
- V. Thomas Farrar
- V. Priscilla Farrar
- V. Nicholas Farrar
- IV. Thomas Farrar b. 1665, m. Katherine Perrin (b.1670), daughter of Richard Perin. They had issue:
- V. Perrin Farrar
- V. William Farrar
- V. Thomas Farrar
- V. Martha Farrar
- IV. John Farrar b. 1670, m. Temperance Brown, widow of Thomas Battle. They had issue:
- V. John Farrar
- V. Temperance Farrar
- V. Mary Farrar
- IV. Martha Farrar, daughter of Col. William Farrar of Henrico, and wife Mary, married Walter Skepley, V, Cicely.

The descendants of these families reside in Louisa, Chesterfield and Goochland Counties, Va. and have since emigrated to various states. Thomas Jefferson of Henrico had a daughter who married a Farrar, and they had a son, Peter Field Farrar.

Nicholas Farrar (or Ferrers), was educated at Cambridge; took the BA degree 1610; traveled in the Princess Elizabeth's suite 1613; emigrated to Virginia 1619.

Farrar (continued)

Since Nicholas Ferrar and Richard Ferris were both issued from the house of Ferrars, descended from Sir Henri Ferriers, who came over with William the Conqueror, it seems more than probable that Richard Ferris of "Curles" was the fifth child of Nicholas Ferrer and Mary Wodenorth, brother of Nicholas, the emigrant, whose name Ferrer was soon spelled Farrar, while Richard's name was spelled Ferris, both a corruption of Ferrers or Ferriers. (Note by writer: and probably Farriors. I have heard this same story through the present Farrior family!)

Stephen Woodson and Elizabeth Branch had sons, Stephen who married Lucy, daughter of John Farrar (son of Thomas Farrar and wife, Katherine Perrin), and Josiah, whose wife (Mary Royall) married secondly Joseph Farrar, son of Thomas Farrar; their son, Joseph Royall Farrar, whose third wife was Jane Ford, widow of Maj. Hugh Moss; from their son, Dr. B. G. Farrar, issued the St. Louis, Mo. Farrars.

(Note: The above is taken from "Americans of Gentle Birth", pp. 358-59, for whatever it may be worth to anyone tracing this line of FARRARS, FERRERS, FERRIERS, FARRIORS, and FERRIS, all of which seem to be of the same origin!)

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Pedigree of Ferrers

Gwalchelme de Ferriers, father of Henri de Ferriers, assumed the name from a small town in Gascony, France, otherwise called Ferriers, from the iron mines abounding there, and also because he bore for arms six horseshoes. 2

He came into England with the Conqueror and obtained a grant of Tutbury, Castle Stafford. His son, Robert de Ferriers, Lord of Tutbury, having contributed greatly to King Stephen's victory over King David of Scotland, was created by that monarch Earl of Derby 1138. He married Havise de Vitri. 3

Their son, Robert II, Earl of Derby, married Margaret, daughter of William Peverel, Lord of Nottingham. 4

Their son, William, was styled Earl de Ferrers 1167. 5

His son Robert was arbitrator between the Kings of Castile and Navarre 1190; too the cross 1187, became a Crusader 1190; married Sybilla, daughter of Lord Beckworth. He died before Acre 1190. 6

His son William succeed and had many honors added; became a Crusader 1218; married 1192, Agnes, a sister of Earl of Chester. 7

Their son, William, succeeded 1248; married first Sybilla Marshall, fourth daughter of Earl of Pembroke; secondly, Margaret de Quincy, daughter and co-heiress of Roger, II Earl of Winchester. He was succeeded, 1254 by (see next page) 8

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His son, Robert de Ferrars, VII Earl of Derby, and Ferrars; married first Marie, daughter of Hugh le Brun, niece of Henry III; secondly, Eleanor, daughter of Ralph III, Lord of Bassett of Drayton. This line continues down through the Plantagenets, Bolingbrokes, Standleys and Ghents, down to 1677, when

Robert Shirley, great-grandson of Robert Deveraux, II Earl of Essex, Viscount Taunworth, Barron Ferrers of Chartley, Privy councillor and Cup Bearer for Coronation of Queen Anne 1702, married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Lawrence Washington, Esq. of Caresdon, Co. Wilts,

and the names Lawrence and Washington are carried down in the Laurence and Shirley line, Earls of Ferrar, to the present day (Doyle).

Through the Laurences, the Washingtons and Ferrers are of Royal Lineage. (See Royal Lineage of Lawrence.)

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